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AUSTRIA.

The Clergy Warned Against Fomenting Discontent.

VIENNA, Thursday, Feb. 20.

A circular has been issued from the Home Office warning the clergy against fomenting discontent.

ABYSSINIA.

The English Captives Safe and Well.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 20—Evening.

Advices to the 1st of January have been received here from the English captives in Abyssinia. At that time they were all safe and well.

NATAL.

The Church Property Question Decided in Favor of Colenso.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 20—Evening.

Late advices from Capetown, Africa, state that the Supreme Court of Natal have at last decided the question touching the matter of the Church property in favor of Bishop COLENSO.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The North Carolina Convention.

RALEIGH, N. C., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Convention to-day adopted the report fixing the boundaries of the Congressional districts. They remain as they were, except New-Hanover County, which has been placed in the Third District, and Sterling County in the Fifth. The arrangement is said to have been made to accommodate certain parties.

Last night and to-day the Convention was mainly engaged in discussing the article of suffrage. No vote has yet been taken. Some Radicals, such as POOL, MCDONALD and KING of Lenoir, oppose the severe test oaths and disfranchisement, while ABBOTT, FRENCH, of the District of Columbia, MAY and others are for test oaths, &c. Stringent measures most likely to pass.

HOOD, a negro, gave notice of his purpose to offer an ordinance removing the present fine upon magistrates and the clergy for solemnizing matrimony between whites and negroes.

The Public Treasurer has issued an order for $1,342,000 in State bonds to be delivered to the Western North Carolina Railroad Company. These are new bonds, and the State is liable for $340,000 more, which the Treasurer is notified will be soon required. All these are issued under acts of previous Legislatures.

The South Carolina Convention.

CHARLESTON, Thursday, Feb. 20.

There was nothing of interest done in the Convention to-day. The day was consumed in the first reading of sundry articles of the Constitution, yet to be acted upon.

It is understood to-day that Gen. CANBY has removed Major GAILLARD, of this City, and appointed Gen. BURNS, of the United States Army, in his stead. The reason of this change is not yet known.

The Florida Convention.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Constitutional Convention continues harmonious.

The following articles were reported to-day, and ordered to be printed: On the Judiciary, Executive Administration, Homestead, Public Institutions, Finances, Education and Military.

Mr. RICHARDS, the late President of the Convention, and Mr. SAUNDERS, a colored member, have both been expelled, and started for Washington to-day with the Constitution made by their faction.

No further trouble has resulted from the negro shooting affray of yesterday.

The Convention Denounced.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Thursday, Feb. 20.

At a negro political meeting, held last night in the African Church, violent speeches are reported to have been made by expelled members of the Convention, denouncing any Constitution other than that formed by the minority.

Twenty-five members of the Convention published a card to-day denouncing the correspondence from this place by SOLON ROBINSON to the New-York *Tribune* as false.

The Virginia Convention.

RICHMOND, Va., Thursday, Feb. 20.

In the Constitutional Convention this morning a lot of pamphlets was received from Washington, arguing Gen. GRANT's untitness for the Presidency, and distributed on the members' desks. A member denounced it as an insult to the majority of the members, of whom Gen. GRANT was their choice for President. After a proper explanation on behalf of the Sergeant-at-Arms the matter was passed by.

Mr. MAUSEY, a Conservative member from Culpepper, was declared ineligible and his seat vacant. He was the successful competitor of HON. JOHN M. BOTTS.

The remainder of the day was spent in the discussion of suffrage. A leading Republican member in his speech said he was convinced from the temper of those who had once controlled the State that a certain amount of disfranchisement was still necessary.

The Mississippi Convention.

JACKSON, Miss., Thursday, Feb. 20.

A communication from Gen. GILLEM was read in the Mississippi Reconstruction Convention to-day. It sets forth that destitution does not exist to so great an extent as many suppose. He is making all possible efforts to alleviate the suffering of all classes. The Bill of Rights is still under consideration, and four sections were adopted to-day. The thirteenth section provides that no property qualification for jurors shall ever be prescribed.

The Louisiana Convention.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Constitutional Convention to-day adopted a resolution appointing a special committee of five to revise the style and arrangement of the Constitution, they to have a correct copy printed as adopted, with the proposed changes set forth. The President of the Convention was added to the Committee. The other Committees were discharged, and the Convention adjourned until Saturday.

Registration in Louisiana—Grant for President.

NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday, Feb. 20.

Gen. HANCOCK issued an order yesterday that the last revised registry lists of each Parish in Louisiana be published once in the newspaper having the greatest circulation in each Parish, and fifty handbills of said list also be published by the same paper and posted in the most conspicuous places in each Parish, under the direction of the Sheriffs. Lists for publication will be furnished from the office of the Secretary of Civil Affairs, who will pay the expenses of publication and posting.

The *Tribune* this morning hoists the name of U. S. GRANT for the Presidency; and the *Republican* and *Advocate* will do the same to-morrow. The latter two say they take this step, after long waiting, and much labor to secure greater harmony and unanimity of the Republican Party in Louisiana.

Yesterday $800,000 large city notes were destroyed by order of the Finance Committee.

The Georgia Convention.

ATLANTA, Thursday, Feb. 20.

In the Convention to-day the report of the Homestead Committee was presented and ordered to be printed. It allows $2,500 worth of real estate and $2,000 worth of personal property to be secure from writ of execution. It was made the special order for Monday next.

Gen. RUGER, Provisional Governor, and Capt. ROCKWELL, Provisional Treasurer of Georgia, visited the Convention to-day. A recess of fifteen minutes was taken to pay them the customary compliments.

The Georgia State Tax Collector Arrested.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Thursday, Feb. 20.

JAMES MCGOWAN, Collector of the State Taxes, was arrested to-day by the military. Mr. MCGOWAN refuses to give up the records or money.

INDIANA.

Republican State Convention—Grant and Colfax for President and Vice-President.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, Thursday, Feb. 20.

The greatest Convention ever held in this State is now in session in this city. All of the Hoosiers declare for GRANT and COLFAX for President and Vice-President, and for the reconstruction policy of MORTON and Congress. Indiana will give GRANT and COLFAX 20,000 majority.

To the Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Republican State Convention met at 10 A. M., and Gen. THOS. BROWN was appointed temporary chairman.

Resolutions indorsing Gen. GRANT and Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX as Indiana's first choice for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, were unanimously adopted amid immense cheering.

After the appointment of various committees, Hon. JAMES HUGHES, of Marion County, was made permanent chairman, and Major O. WILSON, of Marion, Secretary.

GOV. CONRAD BAKER was nominated for reëlection by acclamation, Hon. WILLIAM CUMBACK for Lieutenant-Governor, Major F. A. HOFFMAN, of Cass County, for Secretary of State, and Gen. NATHAN KIMBALL State Treasurer.

The Convention, on reassembling this afternoon, completed the nominations for the State ticket, as follows: Auditor of the State, Major JOHN D. EVANS, of Marion County; Clerk of the Supreme Court, T. W. MCCOY, of Clark County; Reporter for the Supreme Court, J. B. BLACK, of Marion County; Attorney-General, D. E. WILLIAMSON, of Putnam County; Superintendent of Public Instruction, BARNABAS C. HOBBS, of Wayne County.

Letters were read in the Convention from Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX and Hon. JOHN COBURN, M. C. A letter written by Senator MORTON failed to reach in time, but on the announcement of the fact it was ordered to be made part of the proceedings of the Convention. A strong feeling prevailed with the delegates in favor of Gov. MORTON as the choice of Indiana for the Presidency, but it was understood by his friends that he declined the use of his name in that connection.

The following platform was unanimously adopted:

The Union Republican Party of Indiana, assembled in convention at Indianapolis, on the 20th day of February, 1868, to consult in reference to the present condition of the country, make the following declaration of principles:

First—The Congressional plan of reconstruction was made necessary by the continued rebellious spirit of the Southern people, and if they will not, upon the conditions prescribed by Congress, become the friends of the Union, it is the duty of Congress to do whatever the emergency requires to prevent them from doing harm as enemies.

Second—The extension of suffrage to the negroes of the South is the direct result of the rebellion and the continued rebellious spirit maintained therein, and was necessary to secure the reconstruction of the Union and the preservation of loyal men therein, from a state worse than slavery, and the question of suffrage in all the loyal States belongs to the people of those States under the Constitution of the United States.

Third—The Government of the United States should be administered with the strictest economy, consistent with public safety and interest; the revenue should be so laid as to give the greatest possible exemption to the articles of primary necessity and fall most heavily upon the luxuries and wealth of the country; and all property should bear a just proportion of the burden of taxation.

Fourth—The public debt, made necessary by the rebellion, should be honestly paid, and all bonds issued therefor should be paid in legal tenders, commonly called greenbacks, except where by their express terms they provide otherwise, and paid in such quantities as will make the circulation commensurate with the commercial wants of the country, and so as to avoid too great an inflation of the currency and an increase in the price of gold.

Fifth—The large and rapid contraction of the currency sanctioned by the votes of the Democratic Party in both Houses of Congress has had a most injurious effect on the industry and business of the country, and it is the duty and business of Congress to provide by law for supplying the deficiency in legal-tender notes, commonly called greenbacks, to the full extent required by the business wants of the country.

Sixth—We are opposed to the payment of any part of the rebel debt, or to any payment whatever for emancipated slaves.

Seventh—Of all who were faithful amid the trials of the late war there are none entitled to more especial honor than the brave soldiers and seamen who endured the hardships of campaign and cruise, and imperiled their lives in the service of the country; the bounties and pensions provided by law for these brave defenders of the nation are obligations never to be forgotten; the widows and orphans of the gallant dead are the wards of the nation—a sacred legacy bequeathed to the nation's protective care.

Eighth—The public lands are the property of the people; monopolies either by individuals or corporations should be prohibited; they should be reserved for actual settlers; and as a substantial recognition of the services of Union officers and soldiers in the late civil war, they should each be allowed one hundred and sixty acres thereof.

Ninth—The doctrine of Great Britain and other European Powers, that because a man is once a citizen he is always so, must be resisted at every hazard by the United States as a relic of feudal times, not authorized by the law of nations, and at war with our national honor and independence. Naturalized citizens are entitled to be protected in all their rights of citizenship as though they were native born, and no citizen of the United States, antive or naturalized, must be liable to arrest and imprisonment by any foreign Power for acts done or words spoken in this country, and if so arrested and imprisoned, it is the duty of the Government to interfere in his behalf.

Tenth—We cordially approve of the course of the Republican members of Congress in their active support of the bill prohibiting further contraction of the currency, in which they faithfully represented the will of the people of Indiana; and this Convention express their unwavering confidence in the wisdom and patriotism of OLIVER P. MORTON; his devotion to the vital interests of the nation during the past years has endeared him to every lover of union and liberty, and we send greeting to him, in the American Senate, and assurance to him of our unqualified indorsement of his course.

Eleventh—Gen. U. S. GRANT and Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX are the choice of Indiana for President and Vice-President of the United States, and this Convention hereby instruct the delegates to the National Convention to cast the vote of Indiana for these gentlemen.

The State Constitutional Convention.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 20.

In the Convention, to-day, the following additional sections were ordered to be added to the Finance article:

SECTION 15 was amended to read: Real and personal property shall be subject to a uniform rule of assessment and taxation.

SEC. 17. The State shall not subscribe for the purchase or in any way, except by devise, own shares or stock in any company or corporation, nor invest any portion of its funds therein.

SEC. 18. The building of a new Capitol shall be suspended for five years. Yeas 46, nays 44.

The article was then recommitted to be engrossed for a final reading.

The article on Salt Springs was then taken up, pending the consideration of which, a recess was taken.

EVENING SESSION.

The following additional section has been added to the article on the Judiciary:

ARTICLE —. For the relief of Surrogates' courts, the Legislature may confer upon courts of record in any county having a population exceeding 400,000 the powers and jurisdiction of Surrogates, with authority to try issues of fact by jury in probate causes.

The article on the salt springs of the State was taken up, and, without amendment, recommitted for final engrossment.

Judge FOLGER offered the following resolution, which went over under the rules:

Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed to prepare an address to the people of the State upon the changes in the Constitution proposed by the Convention, and that before the final adjournment the Committee report to the Convention the draft of such an address.

Adjourned.

Attempt to Break Jail in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Thursday, Feb. 20.

JOHN CLARKE, who was yesterday sentenced to fifteen years and three months' imprisonment at Auburn, for garroting Mr. KNAPP, of Milwaukee, attempted to break jail this afternoon. CLARKE, with DONOVAN and DOYLE, two prisoners under indictment for highway robbery, had, with the aid of a rod taken from the stove, dug a hole through the wall of the jail. They had means to unlock the cell, and intended to overpower the guard and escape to-night. CLARKE is just out from five years' imprisonment at Toronto, Canada. DONOVAN and DOYLE were removed to the court for trial, and immediately after their departure a negro prisoner told the jailor he had seen them at work digging through the wall. The negro was immediately taken to court and placed upon the stand to testify to the fact and assist in establishing the bad character of the prisoners.

The Late W. M. Swain, of the Philadelphia Ledger.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 20.

The remains of the late W. M. SWAIN, founder of the *Public Ledger*, were interred in Woodlawn Cemetery this morning. A large concourse of friends were in attendance, including Masonic brethren, members of the Press of this and other cities, members of the Press Club and printers generally. Deceased, it is believed, left no will, and his large estate will be divided between his widow and two sons.

Woolen Factory Burned at Steubenville, Ohio—Loss $90,000.

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Thursday, Feb. 20.

The large woolen factory of Messrs. JAMES WALLACE & Co., of this city, was destroyed by fire this morning. The total loss on the building and machinery is $40,000, and $50,000 on the stock. There was no insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. Several of the operatives barely escaped; one of them, a young girl, is probably fatally injured by jumping from a third-story window.

A Bigamist Pleads Guilty.

BUFFALO, Thursday, Feb. 20.

A man named HENRY R. ELLSWORTH pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy in the Police Court this morning. The prisoner was married in Lake County, Ohio, in March, 1845, to one CAROLINE HENDERSON, and remarried in this city September, 1867, to LUCY MCNEIL. ELLSWORTH claims that he was intoxicated at the time of the last marriage, and was not responsible for the act.

Destructive Fire at Huron, Ohio.

SANDUSKY, Ohio, Thursday, Feb. 20.

A destructive fire occurred at Huron, Ohio, last night, destroying a large warehouse and its contents and several adjoining buildings. The loss is $75,000, which is partly insured. The warehouse was occupied by WRIGHT, BURGESS, SPRAGUE & WILBUR.

Accident to Bishop Stevens at Wilkesbarre, Penn.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Thursday, Feb. 20.

Bishop STEVENS was slightly injured by a railroad accident at Wilkesbarre this morning. His injuries are not of a serious nature, but the Bishop will remain for the present at the residence of Judge CONYNGHAM.

The Maine Legislature.

AUGUSTA, Me., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Maine Legislature commenced to-day to hold two sessions daily, and will adjourn on the 29th inst., after having been in session fifty-two working days.

The New-Jersey Legislature and the Constitutional Amendment.

TRENTON, N. J., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The House, to-day, concurred in the action of the Senate in withdrawing the State's consent to the ratification of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Hotel Burned at Hillsdale, Michigan.

TOLEDO, O., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Waldron House, at Hillsdale, Michigan, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is $40,000; nearly covered by insurance. The fire was caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

Death of a Railroad President.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Thursday, Feb. 20.

Col. WM. D. DAVIS, late President of the Freehold and Jamesburg Railroad, and a prominent citizen of Monmouth County, died here last night,

Assault Upon the Mayor of Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Thursday, Feb. 20.

Mayor TOMPPERT was assaulted and badly beaten in a bar-room to night by HENRY KIRBY, a discharged policeman. KIRBY was arrested and bailed in the sum of $1,000.

Steam Mill at Richmond, Vt., Destroyed by Fire.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Thursday, Feb. 20.

A large steam mill at Richmond, Vt., owned by J. JEWELL, was destroyed by fire this evening. The loss has not yet been ascertained.

Sinking of a Steamer on the Alabama River.

SELMA, Ala., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The stern-wheeler *Saltie List* snagged and sunk twenty-five miles below Selma this morning. No lives were lost.

Execution of a Murderer in Havana.

HAVANA, Thursday Feb. 20.

The shoemaker who brutally murdered his wife with an ax a short time ago, was executed today.

Fire in Norfolk, Va.

FORTRESS MONROE, Thursday, Feb. 20.

A fire occurred in the American Hotel at Norfolk yesterday, doing considerable damage, which is covered by insurance.

An Editor Assaulted by a Hotel-keeper in Connecticut.

MERIDEN, Conn., Thursday, Feb. 20.

Mr. STEPHEN IVES, proprietor of the Meriden House, in whose hotel Mr. FREDERICK DOUGLASS was called "a nigger," and from whose public table Mr. DOUGLASS was ejected, this morning brutally assaulted Capt. RIGGS, editor of the Meriden *Recorder*, for commenting on the affair. Much excitement prevails here, and the popular indignation is aroused against IVES, who has been arrested and held to answer, both in a civil and criminal action.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 20.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, in reply to a resolution of inquiry, setting forth his views in regard to the better security of passengers in steamships, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Chair also laid before the Senate a communication from the President, in reply to a resolution of inquiry, transmitting the report of the Attorney-General, with a list of the counterfeiters pardoned since the 1st of May, 1865, with dates and the names of the persons recommending them for pardon, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

VENTILATION.

Mr. BUCKALEW presented the report of Dr. THOMAS ANTISELLO, of Washington, relative to the proper ventilation of the Senate Chamber, recommending that the glass portion of the roof be raised eight feet, and an air-tight ceiling placed under the present copper roof; that illumination be made by lanterns and reflectors, with chimneys to carry off the heat, and that the air ducts in the floor be remodeled to distribute heated air more effectively.

THE OHIO RIVER.

Mr. MORTON offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Secretary of War to communicate the result of the recent survey of the Ohio River, made under his direction.

A SCHOOL OF MINES.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on Mines, reported a bill to establish a National Mining School, with amendments, one of which provides that the bullion tax, to be set apart for its endowment, shall be that collected west of the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains; and another designates the following persons to constitute a Board of Directors, from July, 1868, to July, 1870, viz.: Messrs SHERMAN, DAY and W. ASHBURNER, of California; F. A. TUTTLE and D. W. WELTY, of Nevada; A. C. GIBBS, of Oregon; ——, of Idaho; A. J. SIMMONS, of Montana, and JOHN PIERCE, of Colorado. At the expiration of their term, or, in case of vacancy, directors shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate, and said directors shall receive no compensation except for actual expenses while attending to the business of the institution.

RETIREMENT OF ARMY OFFICERS.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill providing that officers of the army may hereafter be retired on account of wounds received in the volunteer service in the late war, under the same conditions as if they were servin the regular army. It was referred to the Military Committee.

PAYMASTERS' ACCOUNTS.

Also a bill authorizing accounting officers of the Treasury in the settlement of Paymaster's accounts to allow, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, such credits for losses of property and funds and for over-payments made in good faith, during the rebellion, as may be shown to have been occasioned by accident or no fault of their own. It had the same reference.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. MORGAN presented a petition from the citizens of New-York praying for the repeal of the income tax.

Mr. MORGAN also presented a petition from citizens of New-York asking for a reduction of the expenses of the army, navy and civil service, so as to lessen taxation.

Both petitions were referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. CAMERON presented a petition from the citizens of Pennsylvania against the warehouseing system, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. ANTHONY moved that when the Senate adjourn it be until Monday next.

Mr. DOOLITTLE suggested the advisability of holding a session to-morrow for debate, as he desired to speak again on the Supplementary Reconstruction bill.

Mr. DAVIS reminded the Senate that he was in a cataleptic state, having a speech unfinished on that subject, and said he would claim the floor at one o'clock.

After discussion the motion was lost.

THE ADMISSION OF COLORADO.

Mr. CONKLING presented a protest against the admission of Colorado as a State, which was laid on the table.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to take up the House bill to amend the act passed March 23, 1867, supplementary to the bill for the more efficient government of the rebel States, passed March 2, 1867, and to facilitate their restoration.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. TRUMBULL read from the Chicago *Republican* the statement of a correspondent in regard to Congressional action, laying upon the Senate the responsibility of the requirement of at least one-half of the registered voters for the ratification of the Constitution, which he stated was untrue, and explained the circumstances, saying that the House had all along insisted on requiring the provision, which was finally adopted in the Senate by but one majority.

At 1 o'clock, Mr. DAVIS said if it was understood that he could proceed with his remarks to-morrow, he had no objection to Mr. TRUMBULL proceeding. If not he would proceed to make his remarks on this bill.

Mr. YATES withdrew his motion made yesterday to take up the bill to admit Colorado so as to allow the pending bill to be continued, giving notice that he would move to take it up when the pending bill was disposed of.

Mr. TRUMBULL continued. He read further from the article in the Chicago *Republican*, an assertion that "many Radicals complained of the disposition he was supposed to have manifested in endeavoring to settle this bill by keeping it in committee for three weeks; that these complaints had now assumed a threatening form, and that Senator MORTON, among others, would make an attack upon him in open Senate for his opposition to the bill."

Mr. MORTON said he had never made any such threat, nor had he any purpose of the kind.

Mr. TRUMBULL read from the *Globe* in regard to his action on the original bill in March last, showing that he had been a prominent opponent of the majority principle, and had been denounced by Senator HOWARD for the views he expressed on that occasion. He did not recognize the applicability of the term "Radicals" to himself or his colleagues, saying they were all acting together as one body for the Union, to reconstruct the Southern States and restore their relations to the Union. He had always believed as he did now, that it was wrong to give the advantage to the rebels of all who were kept from the polls by sickness, death or removal, as well as those who intentionally stayed away.

QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS.

Mr. BUCKALEW offered an amendment, making necessary a ten days' residence in the District before the election before a person is permitted to vote. The bill heretofore published allowed registered persons to vote anywhere in the State.

Mr. DAVIS then took the floor to conclude his half-finished speech, which was interrupted some days since by the resolution to admit Mr. THOMAS, of Maryland. He moved to amend by instructing the Judiciary Committee to report in favor of repealing all acts heretofore passed on the subject of reconstruction. He reviewed the whole ground of reconstruction, quoting the Federalist judicial decisions, &c., to combat the assumption of the sole power by Congress over the reconstructed, and closed by charging upon the majority the design to continue their power by the establishment of negro suffrage, and disfranchising a large number of the white race.

Mr. CONKLING got the floor at the conclusion of Mr. DAVIS' remarks, at 4:15 o'clock, but he having asked whether it was intended to proceed with its consideration to-night, some discussion ensued upon that point, closing with the understanding that this bill will be passed to-morrow, and an opportunity given for debate on the Supplementary Reconstruction bill, the consideration of which is to follow immediately, Messrs. SAULSBURY, THAYER and others proposing to speak on the general subject.

On motion of Mr. HENDERSON, at 4:30 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. EGGLESTON, rising to a personal explanation, said he had voted last Friday against the bill for the extension of the wood-screw patent, but that his vote had not been recorded. He wished to make the statement, as the papers were imputing a dodging of the vote.

COLLECTOR SMYTHE.

Mr. HULBURD, of New-York, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Expenditures to inquire into the receipts of HENRY A. SMYTHE, Collector of the port of New-York, in his official capacity, whether such receipts have been derived from fines, penalties and forfeitures or otherwise; with power to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses under oath. Adopted.

THE SANFRANCISCO MINT.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Nevada, offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish information as to the present condition and management of the United States Branch Mint at San Francisco, California. Adopted.

THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The report of the Committee on Accounts on the charges made against Mr. ORDWAY, Sergeant-at-Arms, exculpating him and discharging the committee from further consideration of the matter, was taken up and adopted.

SACRAMENTO RIVER.

Mr. HIGBY presented a resolution of the California Legislature asking that the Sacramento River be made a post route. Referred to the Post-office Committee.

OVERLAND MAILS.

On motion of Mr. CLARK, of Kansas, the Postmaster-General was directed to furnish various items of information in regard to the transportation of the overland mail.

RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

Mr. BANKS, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill concerning the rights of American citizens in foreign States. It was ordered to be printed and recommitted.

GENERAL LAND BILL.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to regulate the disposition of lands that may hereafter be given to aid in the construction of railroads. Ordered to be printed.

The bill, which is reported unanimously, provides that all lands hereafter granted for railroad purposes shall be granted to the States or Territories where the roads are to be constructed, and shall be by them sold to actual settlers at a price not exceeding $2 50 per acre, the proceeds to be paid to the railroad company. The object is to prevent the withdrawal of large quantities of land from market and their monopoly by corporations, and to encourage the settlement of the country.

ALLEGED POSTAL CORRUPTION IN THE SOUTH.

Mr. MCCLURG, from the Select Committee on Southern Railroads, made a report, showing that, in the testimony taken before the Committee, facts had come out which indicated corruption in the Post-office Department, and suggesting, as that Committee was not authorized to pursue the investigation, the matter be referred to another committee for further examination.

The report closes with a resolution, a committee (not specified) to examine into the subject of contracts with the Post-office Department for the transportation of the United States mail, and report such facts as may be deemed of importance, particularly whether or not there are any evidences of corruption, with authority to send for persons and papers.

Mr. VAN WYCK moved to fill the blank in the resolution with the Select Committee on Southern Railroads, as that committee had made some progress in the examination, and was very competent to complete it.

This proposition was advocated by Mr. WASHBURNE of Illinoise, and Mr. SPALDING of Ohio.

Mr. KELLEY moved its reference to the Committee on Expenditures in the Post-office Department.

This proposition was advocated by Messrs. CHANLER and O'NEILL.

Mr. FARNSWORTH argued that the subject properly belonged to the Committee on the Post-office and Post-roads, and moved that it be so referred.

The question was first taken on Mr. KELLEY's motion to refer to the Committee on Expenditures in Post-office Department, and it was agreed to by 67 to 51.

The resolution was then adopted.

PERSONAL.

Mr. PAINE, rising to a personal explanation, sent to the Clerk's desk and had read a paragraph in the Washington correspondence of the New-York *Tribune* of February 17, asserting the substantial correctness of a previous paragraph in reference to incidents alleged to have taken place in the Committee on the subject of impeachment, and indicating the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania,) as authority for the statement. He also sent up a paper signed by Messrs. Bingham, Farnsworth, Boutwell, Brooks, Hulburd, Beaman and Beck, all the members of the Reconstruction Committee except Messrs. STEVENS and PAINE, as follows:

The undersigned deem it but just to say that the foregoing statement (reciting the paragraph in the *Tribune* of 15th February of what Mr. STEVENS said and did in reference to Mr. PAINE is in every particular untrue, and without the least color of truth. They further say that Gen. PAINE never attempted to leave the room, nor manifested any desire to evade the question on the impeachment of the President, but, on the contrary, stated his opinion and voted without one word of reproof or dictation from Mr. STEVENS or any other member of the Committee.

Mr. PAINE added—This disposes of the only issue of fact in this case to which I am a party. I have had no conversation on the subject of this correspondence, either with the correspondent himself or with the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. STEVENS.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, who had just entered the Hall, and was occupying a seat near the door, rose to address the Speaker, and this was the signal for a general rush of members toward the place where he stood. He said:

"I did not know that this was coming up, but I have a single word to say about it. That whole statement in the *Tribune* is false from beginning to end, nor have I had any conversation of the kind with any human being."

Mr. STEVENS said no more, but Mr. ELDRIDGE suggested by way of inquiry to the Speaker whether that made out the correspondent something less than a human being, but the Speaker declined to express any opinion on the subject.

PENSION BILLS.

A large number of bills, granting pensions to individuals, were reported from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and passed. This business occupied the morning hour.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported a bill extending the provisions of the twenty-first section of the act of July 17, 1862, relating to the naturalization of soldiers to those who enlisted in the naval or marine services of the United States.

Mr. PILE moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Naval Affairs, as being the appropriate Committee to mature and report such a bill, which was, he contended, imperfect in its present shape.

The motion was disagreed to by yeas, 54; nays, 74.

Mr. PILE moved to amend the bill by inserting the words, "and have been, or may hereafter be, honorably discharged."

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill passed.

Mr. PERHAM, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported a bill to provide for payment out of the naval pension fund of the pensions of widows and other dependents of officers, seamen, firemen and coalheavers.

Mr. BUTLER moved an amendment directing that all moneys and securities appertaining to the naval pension fund shall be moved into the Treasury and become a part of the surplus fund of the Treasury.

Mr. ELIOT made the point of order that the amendment was not in order, and the Speaker sustained it.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Mr. BINGHAM, from the Reconstruction Committee, reported a bill to remove disabilities from Gov. HOLDEN and others. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

NATIONAL BANK SECURITIES.

Mr. LOGAN having had read by the Clerk the response of the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of Jan. 28, to an inquiry in reference to the substitution of Ten-forty bonds for Five-twenties on deposit in the Treasury to secure circulation of National Banks, asserted that the sales of the Ten-forties to the amount of $8,000,000, from the 1st of October, 1867, to the 21st of January, 1868, made by order of the Secretary, were, with the exception of five small sales, made at a less premium than the regular quotations in the New-York market. He had calculated the difference, and found that the Government had thus lost $24,264, besides the commission of one-eighth of 1 per cent. given to Cooke & Co., and amounting to $10,177, making the whole loss $34,441. He also referred to a letter purporting to be written by the Secretary of the Treasury to a gentleman controlling a National Bank, stating that he would accept Ten-forties in lieu of Five-Twenties at 87½, while in his report the Secretary says they had never been received at a higher rate than 85.

Having made his statement he asked leave to offer a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the House whether such letter dated Dec. 30, was signed by him, to whom it was addressed, and whether the propositions therein contained were complied with by the party to whom it was addressed, and also whether the sale of Ten-forty Bonds from Oct. 18, 1867, to Jan. 20, 1868, were at rates equal to the daily quotations in New-York, &c.

Mr. HOLMAN suggested whether it would not also be fair to ask the Secretary of the Treasury whether he has made any regulations with JAY COOKE & Co., different from those made by his predecessors.

Mr. BROOKS said that the thing looked as if it was a Wall-street broker's fight, and, therefore, he would object.

Mr. LOGAN protested that he had no connection with any Wall-street broker.

Mr. BROOKS asked whether the resolution came from any committee.

Mr. LOGAN replied that it came from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. BROOKS, in view of the fact, withdrew the objection and the resolution was adopted.

During the discussion Mr. RANDALL expressed the opinion that the resolution was calculated to do great good in breaking up, root and branch, the system of secret sales by the Secretary of the Treasury with favored brokers, and of paying unnecessarily for the conversion of bonds, commissions amounting in ten months, according to a statement in the New-York *Evening Post*, to $94,000. He had three weeks ago introduced a bill, which had been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, to break up the whole system of paying commissions and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to advertise when he wanted to make sales or conversions of bonds, so that every man could see the ins and outs of it, and the trickery of the Treasury in that particular be exposed.

Mr. HOLMAN suggested that until all the facts were before the House the character of the Secretary of the Treasury should not be impugned.

Mr. RANDALL declared that he was making no charge against the Secretary, but he had asserted that $94,000 had been paid unnecessarily for the conversion of bonds, and that it was the duty of Congress to apply the ax to the root of the evil.

Mr. SPALDING deemed it but just to say that the system of paying commissions had not originated with the present Secretary of the Treasury.

ARMY APPROPRIATIONS.

The House then, at 3 o'clock, went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Mr. ALLISON in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill.

Mr. VAN WYCK made a raid upon the appropriations for arsenals, but did not succeed in having any of them struck out.

Mr. NIBLACK, a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, expressed his conviction that the appropriations made in the bill would be largely insufficient to meet the wants of the service, and that this and other appropriation bills had been got up with a view to effect in the approaching Presidential election.

Mr. SPAULDING asked him whether he proposed to move to increase the appropriations.

Mr. NIBLACK disclaimed any such intention.

Mr. ELDRIDGE inquired of Mr. NIBLACK whether it was not a fact that this Appropriation bill was framed in all its spirit and provisions for the mere purpose of bridging over the next election.

Mr. NIBLACK would not make that charge, but he predicted that after the election was over very large deficiency bills would have to be passed.

Mr. BLAINE said he had no time now to enter into a political question. The Committee had done its best to furnish confidence and credulity to the gentleman from Indiana, who might go on distrusting to the end. The gentleman was one of the wise ones who wanted to have the advantage of saying, "I told you so."

Mr. SCHENCK offered an amendment for applying unexpended balances to these appropriations. Agreed to.

Mr. SELYE offered an amendment limiting the total expenditure for Rock Island Arsenal to the amount appropriated. Rejected.

The Committee rose and reported the bill to the House, which then proceeded to vote on the amendments. The vote was taken by yeas and nays on the amendment looking to the reduction of the army, and it was adopted—yeas 67, nays 62—as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Ames, Archer, Barnes, Barnum, Beaman, Beatty, Breck, Bingham, Blaine, Blair, Boyer, Brooks, Buckalew, Clarke of Ohio, Farnsworth, Ferris, Getz, Glossbrenner, Golladay, Griswold, Grover, Halsey, Holman, Hotchkiss, Hubbard of West Virginia, Hulburd of New-York, Hunter, Jenckes, Kerr, Ketcham, Knott, Ladin, Lawrence of Ohio, Mallory, Marvin, McCormick, Mercur, Moorehead, Morrell, Mullins, Niblack, Nicholson, Perham, Peters, Pike, Price, Pruyn, Randall, Scofield, Selye, Stegreaves, Smith, Spalding, Starkweather, Stewart, Taber, Taylor, Trimble, Trowbridge, Van Auken, Washburne of Illinois, Washburn of Massachusetts, Williams of Pennsylvania, Wilson of Ohio, Woodbridge, Woodward—67.

NAYS—Messrs. Allison, Anderson, Arnell, Baker, Benton, Boutwell, Broomall of Pennsylvania, Burr, Butler, Cary, Clarke of Kansas, Cobb, Coburn, Cornell, Dodge, Eckley, Ela, Ferry, Fields, Fox, Gravely, Haight, Harding, Hawkins, Higby, Hill, Hopkins, Humphrey, Ingersoll, Judd, Julian, Kelley, Kelsey, Kitchen, Lawrence of Pennsylvania, Logan, Marshall, Miller, Myer, Newcomb, O'Neill, Orth, Paine, Pile, Poland, Raum, Sawyer, Shanks, Stevens of New-York, Stokes, Taffe, Upson, Van Aernam, Van Horn of New-York, Ward, Washburn of Indiana, Welker, Williams of Indiana, Wilson of Iowa, Wilson of Pennsylvania, Windom, Wood—62.

All the amendments having been disposed of, Mr. PAINE called for the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill. The bill was passed—63 to 36.

Mr. LOGAN moved to amend the title of the bill by adding to it the words "and to deprive all non-commissioned and volunteer officers in the service of the United States of promotion under the law as it now stands."

Mr. BLAINE declared that the gentleman who opposed the amendment, looking to a reduction of the army, misapprehended entirely the scope and object and purport of the amendment, and he charged upon them that, if they succeeded in their attempt, they would be st

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

Parliamentary Gossip — Conservatism among Radical Leaders—The Career of a Young Radical—The Reappearance of the Queen—The Scandalous Grand Chamberlain—London University in Parliament.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 8, 1868.

More than one of our political leaders, small or great, have "broken cover" this week. As the session draws near they are anxious, I suppose, to reveal to the public the platform on which they purpose to stand. The opinion is gaining ground among members of the House that no measure of any great importance, either with reference to Ireland or Education—the two subjects on which Toot and branch legislation cannot be deferred much longer—will be carried this year. There may be a discussion of these and other topics, and the position of parties may be clearly defined; but a doomed House of Commons can scarcely be expected to have much ambition to pass a series of "finality" measures. It is like a servant who is leaving a house—he will not essay to get a job finished out of hand only that his successor's position may be easier and more pleasant. Next year we have a general election, under the provisions of the new Reform bill. The present constituencies are, in many instances, quadrupled, and everywhere the working classes will take up a powerful, if not a governing position. The present members will be too much agitated by the impending changes to attempt the settlement of great problems in the political or social regulation of any part of the kingdom. The Irish Church must be abolished, that is certain. We must have a system of compulsory education—but whether we shall get either this year is doubtful. Not a few of the members now sitting in the House are pretty certain not to return to it. On the other hand, there will be almost surely a sprinkling of working men members—perhaps half a dozen for a beginning. I think they will do great good, if they are wisely selected, and the mechanics seem to feel as strongly as their best friends can desire that they are, as it were, on their trial, and that it becomes them to send able and judicious representatives to Parliament. There will be nothing lost to the country if some of the fledglings of great families are driven from St. Stephens', and good honest men of sense from a different class take their place. A greater revolution than this no one looks forward to at present. The time may come when Perkins, the carpenter, backed by a strong party of his own friends, may be able to push his way into a prominent post of the Government—but "first creep and then go" must be the motto of the newly enfranchised men.

THE FRANCHISE QUESTION.

It is my firm belief, confirmed by many conversations which I have had with leading Liberals in Parliament, and by the singular coldness of all public speeches on the question, that the party which dreads the popular element in the franchise most is the Radicals. They begin to think that a little time would not have been thrown away in education before votes were distributed so freely. The extraordinary conservative feeling which has animated Mr. BRIGHT of late, has astonished everyone, and his friends are quite taken aback. The *Daily News*, for instance, mildly rated him the other day for a speech about Ireland, in which Mr. BRIGHT used the word "caution," in regard to making changes, far too often to suit the Radical writer. Then as to repeal of the Union, Mr. BRIGHT is evidently unprepared to listen to such a proposal for a moment. I observe that when a Radical speaker addresses an audience of workingmen now-a-days, he lectures them on the necessity of behaving themselves properly. He does not tell them any more that they ought to govern the country, or that they are better fitted for government than other classes. This is a curious fact—but look at the speeches which have recently been made and you will be struck by it. I hate quoting extracts, in the first place because they give my letter a lazy and scrappy look, and in the next because it is my belief that the reader invariably skips them all. So I will not cite the passages to which I refer. Doubtless, however, you will have noticed a speech delivered by Mr. STANSFELD the other evening to workingmen in London. Now Mr. STANSFELD is so much a representative man that it is worth while passing over him for a few moments.

This gentleman is returned by one of the most Radical constituencies in the country, Halifax, in Yorkshire, where, as you know, a good deal of worsted and woolen manufacture is carried on. He rose to notoriety by one speech—as so many other men have done in the House of Commons. I was in the House when the speech was delivered and remember it well. There had been a noisy debate, members were tired, impatient and out of temper, and the "demonstrations" were made which are usual under those particular circumstances. There were loud cries of divide, and an evident determination to put an end to the debate. In the midst of the tumult a youngish-looking man, with long black hair, rose from a seat at the back of the bench on which Mr. COBDEN was sitting—the seats below the gangway. At first every one was amazed at the audacity of the new member rising so late in the evening, but the House, however angry it may be, is always courteous to a man who rises to make his maiden speech. It is ever ready to give a new comer a fair chance. The noise soon subsided, and the attention which was first given through courtesy, was at length fairly earned by the clearness and straightforwardness of the speaker. It was not a very clever speech, but it was very much to the point, and it recalled the House to common sense. I often heard Mr. STANSFELD speak afterward, and, according to my ideas, he never equaled that first attempt. He soon picked up a disagreeable and affected style, threw himself into an elaborate "pose," folded his arms like NAPOLEON at St. Helena, or raised a denunciatory forefinger and called down thunderbolts from Heaven on the head of DISRAELI. And one night—which I have no doubt Mr. STANSFELD well remembers—his melodramatic and stilted objurgation roused the man whom the most practiced debaters try to avoid a fall with, and who carries the poison of adders under his tongue. DISRAELI rose, and in the course of a speech suddenly turned aside to refer to STANSFELD's attack. It was little that he said, but when he had done Mr. STANSFELD was stuck all over with sharp, bright poniards, and he was a pitiable object for his friends. He continued, however, to make way, though not in proportion to his first step, and in April, 1863, he was rewarded by Lord PALMERSTON, *and* silenced in debate, with the post of a Lord of the Admiralty. This he kept exactly one year, and being then discovered to be in intimate communication with MAZZINI, he thought it necessary to resign. In February, 1866, he was appointed Under Secretary for India, and kept that office till the resignation of the Russell Ministry. Here, then, you see in brief the career of a young and rising Radical—Mr. STANSFELD, by the bye, is now 48—considered a juvenile age in the House of Commons—first rising by energetic attacks upon all the abuses he could discover, then taking office, and then—the muzzle! But now, Liberals being out, and Tories being in, the gag is taken off, and Mr. STANSFELD may have his day without the dread of losing his quarter's salary.

Is it office that has somewhat tamed the ardor of this gentleman's soul? I know not—but of old he used to say to the workingmen, "you are the proper men to rule this country. Come in and claim your rights." Last Wednesday he talked to them like a schoolmaster. Their difficulty, he told them, would be to choose good men. They might do a great deal of mischief by making an unfortunate choice. They must pick out men who "would impress other classes favorably." It would be a difficulty for them to find their members incomes on which they could live, for, of course, they must support their own members. The mechanic, suddenly called from his trade to sit in the House of Commons, must be kept by some one. Who is to do it? His constituents, of course. Then, Mr. STANSFELD went on to tell his audience they must not expect much direct representation. It would not be good for them. Don't be a class apart, he said to them; study to do justice to others; "you must remember that you are not the people of England, although you are a large portion of them, and you must labor like others"—and so on. I need not say that it was all very good advice—but what has happened that the mouths of Radicals should drop milk and honey thus? Five years ago Mr. STANSFELD gave out the true lion's note—now he roars an it were any nightingale. So too Mr. GOSCHEN and Mr. FORSTER—they have all talked "caution."

Mr. GLADSTONE is "running cunning" even beyond his supporters, for he keeps his mouth closed upon all subjects which affect the new constituencies. He has devoted his fertile intellect to the study of *Ecce Homo* and the profit of *Good Words*. This week he took up the writings of a more carnal author, by name WALTER SCOTT, and called the attention of a country audience to the fact that the said SCOTT wrote many excellent novels, and among them *Kenilworth*. Mr. GLADSTONE has a peculiar faculty of saying everything as if the whole world had never heard of it before. Probably his country friends knew SCOTT much more familiarly than the Ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose thoughts are usually in another sphere from this, and who comes down to earth occasionally only to tell us what he has seen elsewhere. We shall have no more political speeches of any consequence until Parliament meets. "The house closed for the preparation of the new piece"—that is the writing upon the political doors now. Altogether, we have passed through a very barren recess, and the funny men—BERNAL OSBORNE & Co.—have been obstinately silent.

THE QUEEN—JOY AMONG TRADESMEN.

Once more the Queen has graciously condescended to let her face be seen by her subjects, or rather she has promised to show it. She is not in robust health, but she has been persuaded to hold three drawing-rooms in the course of the season at Buckingham Palace—not in that poky and stuffy little hole, St. James', where people used to get their ribs broken in the attempt to pay their respects to the "Majesty of England." There is plenty of room outside Buckingham Palace for the carriages, and inside (I was there once to a concert), there is accommodation enough to prevent ladies' dresses being torn from their backs. That used to happen in St. James' Palace, but mind, the tearers were the ladies themselves. Of all crowds that can be gathered together, may we be saved from a crowd of ladies. They have no mercy—they jostle and push each other with savage barbarity, and of course the cry, "make way for ladies," is useless. There will be no difficulty, however, at the Palace in St. James' Park. The Queen will greet her loyal subjects, and no doubt we shall have a brilliant season—greatly to the comfort of the London tradesmen, who have lately been severely depressed in spirits. The truth is that their exorbitant charges have been found out, and people have set up cooperative stores, and bought their goods for household use at about ten per cent. above wholesale prices—whereas the grocers charged from 200 to 400 per cent. This move in self-defence on the part of the public has brought the West-end tradesmen to their knees. They are actually threatened with ruin. Their charges were abominable. I live in South Kensington, and the tradesmen round about the locality have until lately supplied my household. But in consequence of the exposures which have appeared in the papers I transferred my custom to shops which sold articles of the same quality at fair prices, and the result is that I save from £1 to to £1 5s. a week, and this in a small family. My old butcher, for instance, charged 10d. a pound for mutton—I get it just as good now for 8d., and so on with everything else. I mention my own case because it illustrates what is going on all over London. The consequence is that the tradesmen—I could tell you pretty stories about them—are now beginning to send out circulars offering to supply us on the reduced terms. Yes! till they had shut up the cooperative stores, and then having us once more at their mercy they would return to their old system of extortion and swindling—for it is of no use mincing matters, swindling it was. The British worm has turned, and the upper-crust tradesmen are likely to rue their stupid greed and folly.

THE SCANDALOUS GRAND CHAMBERLAIN.

All society is still crying out bitterly against Lord WILLOUGHBY D'EREBSY, who lived with a French Countess seventeen years, had a daughter by her, liberally took her own private property from her, and then turned her out penniless into the street. Such a combination of meanness, cruelty and baseness has seldom been exhibited before in one man. Lord WILLOUGHBY D'EREBSY actually not only lived with but upon this lady for ever so many years—she paid his debts for him, and kept him supplied with money out of her own purse. Before his father died he was rather poor, and during all his difficulties his partner kept faithfully to him. As soon as he came into possession of £70,000 or £80,000 a year he turned her adrift—to die in a workhouse for aught that he cared. More than this, he caused his lawyers to insinuate that her child was not his own, although he could not find a pretence for this most foul and cowardly slander. Never do I remember so much public indignation stirred up against any man as this Hereditary Grand Chamberlain of England is now obliged to face from all parts of the Empire. He has been compelled to provide a suitable maintenance for the lady after all, so that he did not even save his money by his disgraceful course of conduct. A year ago he seduced the maid of the lady he had introduced to many as his wife, and is now, it is said, living with her. The man, twentieth Baron of his line though he be, is a low-minded knave, and there is one at least before whom his duties constantly call him who is not likely to forget his rascality—the Queen. It is part of his office to present persons to Her Majesty at her levées and drawing-rooms. I doubt whether the Queen will allow him to appear in her presence again. And all this disgrace for the sake of saving £1,200 or so a year, out of an estate worth £80,000. Why, he pays a head keeper as much. Could you believe that a man could be such an ass?

LONDON UNIVERSITY.

One of the most interesting of the new election contests will be that for the representation of London University, which receives for the first time a member under the provisions of the Reform bill. Mr. LOWE and Mr. BAGEHOT are the two candidates likely to go to the poll. Mr. LOWE made a fight for the enfranchisement of the University during the progress of the Reform bill through the House, and so it is thought that he has some claim upon the gratitude of the constituency. Mr. WALTER BAGEHOT (editor of the *Economist*, and author of the articles in the *Fortnightly Review* on the "English Constitution,") is himself a graduate of the London University, his opinions are very suitable to the constituency, he is an able and in every respect a capable man, and would certainly do credit to any constituency which elected him. We have, therefore, the materials for a brisk and animated struggle, I have no idea (nor has any one else) which man will win, but Mr. LOWE has a great reputation, and Mr. BAGEHOT has not done anything of note yet in the political world. Personally, I wish both could win—it is one of those cases in which one hates to see either contestant worsted.

THE GREAT HORSE DINNER.

The horse dinner at the Langham Hotel on Thursday night went off famously. Three horses were cooked—the youngest a four-year old, the eldest a mature brute of twenty Summers. The ancient steed turned out to be the best eating. I suppose the young one had not yet attained to his full flavor. They say that the flesh tastes something between beef and hare. What I should like to know, and what no one seems to have thought of is this—would horseflesh, if regularly eaten, prove in any way unwholesome? Would it, for instance, have a tendency to produce scrofula, as some animal food undoubtedly has? Would it engender parasites, as pork does? Is it not, also, a modified form of cannibalism to eat a horse to which one has been much attached? I think I would as soon eat my own father as a favorite horse. If the new food comes into fashion I shall never see a man looking admiringly down his horse's sides without thinking that his mouth is watering for a steak or a cutlet off the poor animal. Stroke your horse and you will seem to be feeling for its fat. I doubt whether any true lover of horses could ever sit down to partake of a roast one. Horse meat may be common enough by and by, but I vow that it shall never come to my table while I can afford to buy a saddle of mutton or a sirloin of beef. Why not eat horse as well as ox, the practical reader may ask? I don't know, Sir, and I don't argue it; but I believe the one would make me sick and the other wouldn't. That is reason enough for me.

Mr. ROBERTSON, author of "Ours" and "Caste," is about to produce a new piece at the Prince of Wales Theatre, called "Play." Mr. ROBERTSON gets all his titles out of monosyllables. BOUCICAULT's "How She Loves Him," has been played to empty benches ever since its production, but the management had nothing to put on the stage to replace it, and so it has been kept in the bills. An actor named BANDMANN, a German, known better in New-York, is advertised to appear at the Lyceum. The following beautiful language announces his engagement: "The dearth of talent *for* the English stage has induced Mr. SMITH to introduce this actor, of whom so much has been said on the Continent, *and leaves* it to the public to give him an impartial reception on his *début*."

POLITICS IN OHIO AND THE WEST.

Democratic Leaders in the West—Vallandigham—Pendleton — Stevenson—Doolittle—The Presidency—The Grant Correspondence.

THE BEECHES, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1868.

It is quite amusing to see the duello between Mr. VALLANDIGHAM and the New-York *World*. The *World* reads Mr. VALLANDIGHAM out of the Democratic Party, and Mr. VALLANDIGHAM informs the *World* that it is altogether corrupt, and that as Mr. VALLANDIGHAM has been invited to speak in New-Hampshire and Ohio at the ensuing elections, he will compare notes before the people with said *World*. I would advise the Democratic Party not to read Mr. VALLANDIGHAM out. It is about as well as it would be for the Republicans to read THADEUS STEVENS out. Mr. VALLANDIGHAM is, in my opinion, the ablest man now in the lead of the Democratic Party; and has grasped most thoroughly the great problems of the day. His being on the wrong side and unpopular, does not impair his ability or his sincerity. VALLANDIGHAM believes in the State rights doctrine of CALHOUN; that the institution of Slavery was a good one; that the war on the part of the Government was an iniquity; and that the United States, with such a vast extent of country, ought, either now or hereafter, to be divided into four or five great sections, which could pursue in their own way their particular interests. The last doctrine, you will remember, was embodied in an able speech of VALLANDIGHAM at the beginning of the war. Wherein does that doctrine differ from the doctrines of the Democratic Party generally? Gov. STEVENSON, of Kentucky, who was always a popular Democrat, and elected by 40,000 majority, said that the war was made by the Government, that LINCOLN was a traitor, and the South rightly defending itself against Abolitionists. He said that JOHN J. CRITTENDEN was for shooting the first man who crossed the Ohio River. And CRITTENDEN was a blessed Conservative! Wherein does VALLANDIGHAM differ from FRANKLIN PIERCE and the New-Hamphire Democrats? VALLANDIGHAM says he is going there to speak, and I hope he will. With JOHNSON and his Portsmouth Navy-yard, and VALLANDIGHAM the martyr, New-Hampshire Democracy will flourish like a green bay tree. Wherein does VALLANDIGHAM differ from the Maryland Democrats? Wherein does he differ from ten thousand Democrats to be found in the streets of New-York? Wherein does he differ from four-fifths of the Democrats in Ohio or Indiana? It is my opinion that if VALLANDIGHAM was to be run, individually, in Ohio against THURMAN or PENDLETON, he would beat either of them, two to one. He is politically an abler man than either. But it suits the leaders of the Democratic Party now, in view of the coming election, to affect a great deal of patriotism, and to be much disgusted with Democrats, who choose to be out-spoken in their real opinions. But the old cat is under the meal, and this attempt at whitewashing will result in a very useless waste of material. There is a weekly paper in Cincinnati called the *West and South*, edited by WILLIAM M. CONY, Esq., a sincere and talented, but rather eccentric gentleman of the Calhoun school. He greatly laments the want of ability and statesmanship in the leaders of the Democratic Party, and well he may. Where are the leaders who are to conduct it in the great battle of November, 1868? Have they any abler than VALLANDIGHAM? Is it FERNANDO WOOD, or GEORGE PENDLETON or JOHN MORRISSEY, or ELDRIDGE or BROOKS? I see that HORATIO SEYMOUR is elected President of the Dairymen's Association. Like CINCINNATUS to his plough—like HORACE to his Sabine farm—SEYMOUR goes to grassy meads and flowery vales, where

"From knotty particles, first floating wide,
Congealing butter's dash'd from side to side."

I respect him; for it is better to make good butter than bad politicians. In these days the post of honor is a private station. GEORGE PENDLETON is a gentleman of good descent, good manners and good education; but he has no decided ability of any sort, and, if elected, would probably make a very moderate President. He has more common sense than BUCHANAN, and none of the violent passions of JOHNSON. The White House would be a gentleman's house, and the world would not be set afire with any genius proceeding from the American Government. We don't know who JOEL PARKER, of New-Jersey, is, and must rely on the world to tell us. As to Mr. BROOKS, FERNANDO WOOD, Gov. ENGLISH, JOHN Q. ADAMS, *et id omne genus*, they will probably not be made very eminent leaders. We turn then to the West, and here we see none rising above the multitude but PENDLETON, VALLANDIGHAM and Gov. STEVENSON. In the South we see a much better prospect. It would probably be impolitic to nominate LEE, on account of prejudice against rebel soldiers; but there is ALEXANDER STEPHENS and A. H. STUART, both abler men than any of the Northern proponents; and who can object to their sound Democratic principles? A. H. STUART is, perhaps, the best candidate; for he has professed loyalty, and is the very pink of conservatism on the Constitution. Oh! the Constitution!

But really I don't see how the Democratic Party is to be suitably led in the great battle of 1868. In the West they needn't trouble themselves much about who is leader, especially if they are going to read VALLANDIGHAM out of the party.

I see that both VALLANDIGHAM and the *World* make mistakes about the recent election. Last Fall there was in that district about 600 Republican votes, who, on account of the negro suffrage-deserter amendment, voted the Democratic ticket. Now, there was a full vote, and 300 of these Republicans went back to their party, and the other 300 will be back on the Presidential election. The official returns show this on the face of them. Neither VALLANDIGHAM nor all the Democratic leaders did or can affect the results. *Nous verrons.*

In looking over the West there is a real dearth of available Democratic material. Down in Illinois they threaten to set somebody up in opposition to PENDLETON, but who he is we know no more than we do about JOEL PARKER. In the extreme Northwest there seems nobody to shine but the immortal DOOLITTLE!—*Do*-little the Great! We can say of him as BYRON did of AMOS COTTLE:

Oh! what a name
To fill the trump of future fame!

With VALLANDIGHAM, PENDLETON, STEVENSON, and DOOLITTLE we have pretty much exhausted the West of material available for Democratic leaders.

In regard to the Presidency, will they not have to fall back on HANCOCK? Will it do, in face of the gathering storm, to run a gentle peace man of 1864?

On the Republican side the original choice of earnest Republicans was Mr. CHASE, but you have advices that the Republican committees are for Gen. GRANT, which is true, as a second choice. Much of the reluctance to taking GRANT is done away by the recent GRANT and JOHNSON correspondence. This disclosed just what the Republicans wanted. There is no longer any possibility of representing GRANT as equally acceptable to rebels and patriots. I thought I knew perfectly well where GRANT was, but I am glad to have my views confirmed by a series of facts which no man can misrepresent. I now hope that the political results of 1868 will restore the country to its unity and prosperity, and leave no man anything to regret but the ordinary evils and infirmities of human nature.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

Second Day — Incendiarism—When to Pay Insurance—Moral Aspect of the Subject—Protection of Merchants.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters continued its annual meeting yesterday.

Mr. HEALD, of the Committee on Statistics, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be raised to be called the Committee on Statistics to collect and classify statistics for the use of all companies which shall contribute.

Mr. GEORGE L. CHASE, from the Committee on Adjustments, presented a report in which was set forth a statement of the efforts made by many companies to pay insurance on property before the smoke of the fires had died away; facts which were being continually noticed in the newspapers as proofs of the ability of such companies to meet all claims made upon them with the utmost readiness; a practice which was to be much regretted as tending to the demoralization of the community, the reckless destruction of property throughout the country, and the interests of the insurance business. The report concluded by recommending the adoption of the resolution offered by Mr. PLATT on the previous day, which has been referred to the Committee, as follows:

Resolved, That the National Board of Underwriters recommend to the companies composing the same, that no losses in country towns shall be paid at the place where the occurred; but that the adjustments shall be passed upon by the companies themselves; that in all cases where fire insurance occurred on the premises of the assured, the loss shall not be paid until after sixty days.

Mr. CROWELL was in favor of the sixty-day idea and cited several instances where the wisdom of waiting had been abundantly proved. He regarded the subject as one which commended itself in a moral as well as in a pecuniary sense.

Mr. DRIGGS said he hoped it would be made obligatory and not merely recommendatory. He moved to amend the resolution so as to provide that no company should pay until two-thirds of the companies interested had decided payment to be made.

Mr. OAKLEY hoped something would be done by the Board without referring the matter back to the Committee.

Mr. HOWARD, of Hartford, said that at the Convention of 1849 it was said the time had been set down at four months between the occurrence of a fire and the payment of insurance, and the history of events since that period proved that as the time had been shortened, the occurrence of fires had increased.

Mr. LAMPORT did not think it was parliamentary to pass any new resolution on that subject. It had been done at the last annual meeting, and all that was necessary now was to make it obligatory. Agents were invariably anxious to have a settlement, and they frequently wrote to him, "Settle, or you will be behind other companies."

Mr. HEALD offered the following as a substitute, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That in all cases of loss where the claim exceeds $500, the members of this Board pledge themselves not to anticipate the payment of such losses before the expiration of the sixty days from filing of proofs at the parent office, without the consent of three-fourths of the companies having policies on such property, and in such case only on the usual deduction of interest.

The report was adopted also.

Mr. HEALD offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, The practice of false swearing in proof of loss has become alarmingly prevalent during the few past years, and is not only prejudicial to the insurance companies but is injurious to the public morals, and in most, if not all of the States of this Union, is characterized and punished only as a misdemeanor, be it

Resolved, That this Board most earnestly request the Legislatures of the different States to pass laws delaring all false swearing in proof of loss, with intent to defraud, to be a penal offense, and that the penalty of such false swearing be held and deemed guilty of the crime of perjury and punished accordingly.

Mr. HOWARD moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every local Board, in cases of fire in their respective localities, involving loss to the companies belonging to this Board, to induce the civil authorities to investigate the cause of such fires, if it be practicable, to secure such an investigation on the part of the local civil authorities; then, in such cases, it shall be obligatory upon the said local Boards to make a due investigation of the same. And in all cases of incendiarism, said Boards shall report the facts to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Mr. HOWARD, from the Special Committee on Taxation, offered the following:

Whereas, It is believed to be the policy of the Government to legislate prejudicially to any legitimate business interest; and,

Whereas, Fire Insurance Companies have but a small contingent interest in their gross receipts, which often proves to be no interest at all, but on the contrary a basis of claim upon their capital stock: therefore,

Resolved, That the tax of one and one-half per cent. upon the gross receipts of Insurance Companies is mainly a tax upon their losses, and is, therefore hard, beyond precedent, in our system of taxation.

Resolved, That the Board hereby respectfully call the attention of Congress to the oppressive character of this tax, and request its abolition.

The proposition was sustained in speeches by Messrs. HOWARD, DORE, BOWKER and HEALD. The latter gentleman taking the ground that only the earnings of the capital should be taxed. A Committee consisting of Messrs. DORE, HEALD and BOWKER, was appointed to confer with the Congressional Committee on Ways and Means on the matter.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following officers of the Board for the ensuing year:

President, JAMES M. MCLEAN, of the Citizens' Insurance Co., New-York; Vice-President, A. C. BENDER, of Ætna Insurance Co., Hartford, Ct.; Treasurer, J. S. PARISH, of Atlantic Insurance Co., Providence; Secretary, W. CONNER, Jr., of Yonkers and New-York Insurance Co., New-York.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Boston, Messrs. Sweetzer, Curtis, Bean and Bowker; Providence, Paine, Williams and De Wolf; Hartford, Howard, Kellogg, Chase, Webster and Eldridge; Norwich, Lester; New-York, Heald, Oakley, Crowell, Smith, Hastings, and Peil of Liverpool and London; Philadelphia, Platt, Shenard and Montgomery; Newark, Merchant; Baltimore, Campbell and Geidenstricker; Worcester, Currin; Springfield, Freeman; New-Haven, Satteries; Buffalo, Smith; Albany, Van Allen; Cincinnati, Bennett and Cassidy; Cleveland, Rouse and Searle; Chicago, Goodman, Rollo, Walker and Dore; Detroit, President of Fire and Marine.

Mr. ALFRED PELL, Jr., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ask companies having agencies in this City to sign the agreement for rates, &c., which the New-York Board is now circulating for signature, and that the Committee report to this meeting.

In accordance with this resolution, the following Committee was appointed: Messrs. D. A. HEALD, H. H. LAMPORT and S. W. WHITE.

A supplementary report was presented by the Committee on Form of Policy, which set forth that at present there seems to be no limit to the amount of insurance to be obtained upon any given subject; that there is a virtual denial of the principle of requiring the owner of property, real or personal, to be his own insurer to the extent of at least one-fourth, which rule obtained in the early days of insurance in this country.

Mr. HOWARD offered an amendment proposing to adopt the system of policy which would make the insured his own insurer to the value of one-fourth of the property to be insured.

Mr. HOWARD said the insurance companies were arraigned before the country as the promoters of incendiarism by over insurance. It was now their duty to show the country that if they had been responsible for the great sin of destroying property, they should now step forward and show "works meet for repentance."

Mr. LAMPORT coincided with the sentiments stated by the previous speaker, but there was a difficulty in the way in our large cities of carrying through so radical a clause in the policies. He thought that more care should be exercised in writing for parties generally. A little more inquiry on the part of underwriters might accomplish all that was wanted.

Mr. PLATT, in relation to adopting the proposed form of policy, said he saw a great difficulty in cities where there were large warehouses, bonded and otherwise, as it would injure the credit of our merchants were it known that a quarter of their property was uninsured.

Mr. GOODMAN, of Chicago, saw the difficulty in the way in large cities, but thought some provision should be made providing for the insured accepting a portion of the risk. Something must be done to reduce the incendiarism so prevalent.

Mr. ANTHONY said that in New-York, for instance, there were very few of their young merchants who had capital which would cover more than a third of their indebtedness; they depended upon their character for their credit, and beyond this, if they could not be fully insured, their business would be crippled seriously. In view of these circumstances, he could not support such a form of policy as was proposed.

Mr. LAMPORT said that some other plan of carefulness or vigilance should be adopted in taking risks; they should be careful about binding themselves with any cast-iron rule such as that proposed, for he deemed that if they bound themselves too strongly, perjury would increase, and not diminish, for he believed it was a principle in criminal law that in the ratio of the unreasonableness of penalty, is the increase of crime.

Mr. HOWARD did not think it their duty to consider the wants of a certain class of merchants in preference to guarding and protecting their own capital. They might depend upon it that if the companies did not take some step to save the property of the country from destruction, the Legislatures would soon step in and pass some laws which might trammel the business. He believed that over-insurance was responsible for no small amount of the incendiarism in the country.

Mr. ANTHONY thought that if they had been more careful in the fixing of their rates during the last six years, and not run riot as they had done, they would not have experienced the circumstances which evolved the proposition under consideration. He had lived long enough to see that all fires that could not be traced did not necessarily result from incendiarism. He thought they ought to have turned their attention to the style of building which had been adopted, and the multiplicity of parties under one continuous roof, and the joining of house to house together, as well as the dangerous custom of erecting lofty edifices with tender skylights.

Mr. HOWARD urged that the adoption of the form proposed would add to the security of property; it would result in reducing premiums and unburdening commerce.

Mr. HEALD moved that Mr. HOWARD's amendment be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon at the next annual meeting. Adopted.

The report was then adopted.

Mr. HEALD moved the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, In the judgment of the Board, a considerable percentage of the losses by fire in this country are induced by over-insurance of the property destroyed, and the consequent absence of direct pecuniary interest on the part of the insured in its protection and preservation; and

Whereas, It is desirable that the insured should, with only occasional exceptions, retain an interest of at least 25 per cent. in the care and protection of the property insured, and for the purpose of securing control, at all times, of such occasional exceptions, and of granting the privilege of insuring more than 75 per cent. only to property owners of known personal probity and commercial integrity, be it

Resolved, That the privilege of other insurance without notice until required be granted in the following manner only: in other insurance permitted without further notice not exceeding 75 per cent. on all of the cash value of the property insured; any privilege for an excess of insurance over 75 per cent. shall be hereon specially indorsed.

Mr. OAKLEY moved the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the working of the Metropolitan Fire Department of the City of New-York, as at present conducted, meets with our most hearty approval and to the efficiency during the past year the companies doing business in the City of New-York attribute the diminution of their losses in a great degree notwithstanding the number of fires has largely augmented.

Mr. CROWELL offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the National Executive Committee have authority to perfect and carry out the plan recommended by the Committee on Local Boards as to the rating corps, also to levy the necessary assessment to defray the expenses of said corps upon all companies interested.

Mr. HINE read a paper setting forth the efforts which he had made in urging upon Congress to act on the taxation laws in their relation to the insurance interest. He charged the daily papers with ignorance in their representations as to the want of unity on the part of the insurance companies for the appointment of a National Insurance Bureau. He called attention to his articles on the subject of insurance interests in the *Insurance Times*, published in this City.

The draft of the law alluded to was then introduced by Mr. LAMPORT, and read by the Secretary.

Mr. DRIGGS moved to refer the whole matter to the Executive Committee to report. He thought it would hardly look well for a special committee to go to Congress to ask for a reduction of the taxation of insurance companies, and at the same time ask to have a burdensome Bureau established.

Mr. HEALD moved to amend so that the reference to the Executive Committee be with power. Lost.

The motion of reference was carried.

Mr. OAKLEY moved the reference to the Executive Committee the subject of the construction of buildings, which was carried.

Mr. CAMPBELL moved that the Board take such steps as may be deemed best for presenting the Chairmen of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Local Boards and Rates some suitable token of the esteem in which they were held for their valued services. Adopted.

It was resolved that the constitution be so amended as that the next annual meeting be held on the third Wednesday of April, 1869.

Mr. CROWELL moved that the subject of the organization of a Rating Bureau be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to fix the assessments necessary to meet the expense of supporting it upon the companies interested. Adopted.

Mr. LAMPORT moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to expunge from its report the following:

The expenses amounted to about 34 per cent. in 1865 on the net cash premiums of that year. The insured may find matter for grave consideration in the fact that, in 1859, $219,809,281 at risk had for its protection capital and assets to the amount of $26,323,384, while at the end of 1865 $2,153,595,507 had $45,360,887. The percentage of protection in 1859 was 3.65 per cent., in 1865 2.38 per cent., and at the end of 1866 2.02 per cent.; showing a decrease of 1.63 per cent. of protection to the insured—an alarming decrease when applied to a sum nearly as large as our national debt. The aggregated results of all the fire insurance companies in the United States, if they could be accurately obtained, would doubtless show similar results to those above cited, embracing only companies chartered in the State of New-York.

He said that these figures were merely estimates and not ascertained demonstrations.

Mr. HEALD said he would as soon think of blotting out the eyes of one of his children as to blot out the figures alluded to. They were real and not imaginary.

The motion was lost.

The Board then adjourned until the third Wednesday in April, 1869.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Aldermen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. COMAN in the chair.

Mr. COMAN offered a preamble and resolution to the effect that whereas many grave political questions are now pending, and whereas some doubt is felt as to the course which will be pursued by Congress in relation to the payment of the national debt, and whereas New-York is the financial centre of the country, the Democratic National Convention be requested to hold its session in New-York. It was adopted.

Mr. NORTON called up the following preamble and resolution offered by him at the previous meeting of the Board.

Whereas, The proposed extension of Church-street is an improvement uncalled for by the wants of the City, and imposes an onerous and unnecessary assessment upon the property owners; therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislature be and they are hereby requested to enact a law to set aside the proceeding for the proposed extension of Church-street, and to cancel and annul all resolutions of the Common Council, and all orders of the courts relative thereto; and that the members of the Legislature from this City be and they are requested to urge the immediate passage of such a law.

Mr. FARLEY hoped the matter would be laid over, There could be no hurry for a day or two.

Mr. NORTON said there is no way in which the property owners could receive relief now, unless the matter is taken up by the Legislature. If the extension of the street would be an improvement he would be in favor of it, but he denied that it would be so. It would simply have the effect of imposing heavy assessments on property owners on the west side of the City south of Fourteenth-street, who could derive no possible benefit from it, while property owners around the City Hall would have to pay only about $500,000. He hoped that his resolution would be adopted, and this waste of money and valuable property saved.

The resolution was laid over, and the Board adjourned to Monday next at 2 P. M.

Board of Councilmen.

The Board met at 2 P. M., yesterday. Mr. STACOM in the chair.

Mr. H. MURRAY offered a resolution instructing the Street Commissioner to cause the railroad companies to remove all the snow and ice piled up by them in the streets. It was laid over.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Street Commissioner to inform the Board why the gas lamps in Church-street are not regularly lighted.

A message was received from the Mayor vetoing the resolution to pave Washington-place with Nicolson pavement. It was laid over.

A resolution empowering the Mayor to offer a reward of $1,000 for the conviction of the murderer of THOS. J. HAVELIN, was also laid over.

A remonstrance was received against the paving of a portion of Ninth-street with Nicolson pavement. It was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

An invitation from the Mayor to join with him in reviewing the Eleventh Regiment National Guard at noon on the 22d inst., in front of the City Hall, was accepted.

The resolution from the other Board requesting our Congressional representatives to urge on Congress the importance of making an appropriation for the new Post-office was read.

Mr. GILMORE hoped the resolution would not be concurred in. If the intention was to give employment to the workingmen of this City, they had far better petition the Legislature to remove the City Hall to Madison-square. The Post-office would be a Government work, and the Government would employ whom it pleased to build it. The City Hall Park he thought now, as ever, is not the place for a Post-office.

Mr. STEPHEN ROBERTS said this was not a proper time to discuss the question of place. If they could induce the Government to go on with the work, so much the better. A great many workmen would thus be employed, and probably kept from starving. He feared, however, Congress would do nothing in the matter.

Mr. GILMORE said he had predicted this delay on the part of the Government. The whole thing he considered a swindle got up to make offices for a few men by taking the measure which they deemed most essential to the protection of the public health. During the prevalence of cholera, an injunction was issued restraining them from using, for any quarantine purposes, the lands belonging to the State at Seguine's Point, on Staten Island. The emergency was great, and the law had expressly declared that cholera patients should be provided for by the Commissioners of Quarantine, in such manner as they should determine and occasion should demand. Yet the Court declared that these lands—the property of the State—should not be used as a place for the care of such patients. A single instance, in addition to the one already pointed out, relative to the location of the warehouses authorized to be constructed in the Upper Bay, will serve to illustrate the mischiefs resulting from the restrictions already referred to. In the act of 1866, authorizing the construction of the Quarantine Hospital on West Bank, it was expressly provided that the same should not be erected within one and a-half miles of the shore of Staten Island. This restriction compelled the selection of a site at a point which has probably involved an expense of many thousands of dollars more in the erection of the structure than it would have cost to erect it a quarter of a mile nearer the shore. It is believed that the structure on West Bank will be ready for occupancy next June. Men are employed in filling up the interior space between the walls with sand, and when this work is accomplished the hospital buildings will be erected. It is the intention to build a bridge at the southwest angle, so that passengers can be transferred from vessels to the hospital without the aid of small boats.

The party, after remaining about an hour at West Bank, reëmbarked on the steamer and returned to the City, arriving here at 4 P. M. Under Dr. SWINBURNE's provision, a bountiful supply of refreshments was served on the steamer, to which every one present did ample justice.

Alleged Assault on a Deputy Sheriff.

An examination is pending before Justice SHANDLEY at the Essex Market Police Court, wherein JACOB SZEBACHER, a Deputy Sheriff, is complainant, and MARTIN L. TOWNSEND, EBENEZER BARLOW, and others not named, defendants. SZEBACHER alleges that in his official capacity on Tuesday last he visited the law office of TOWNSEND & LEVINGER, No. 60 Broadway, for the purpose of serving on M

that the defendant had been and was entrusted with the safe keeping and disbursement of the public money mentioned, it is alleged and averred that the defendant was so entrusted with the money by virtue of divers other acts and parts of acts of Congress, without any other or further proof thereof.

Whether the defendant is amenable to be indicted and punished under the provisions of the sixteenth section of the act specified, by reason of the acts of embezzlement charged touching money in his possession, exclusively by virtue of acts of Congress of a date subsequently to the approval of the act named.

Whether the several counts of the indictment are not insufficient in law, that, in their material allegations the initial letters "U. S.," are used and substituted for certain words, without which words expressed or implied the allegations would be unintelligible and without legal effect; and whether the letters "U. S." as used in the indictment, have in law a known and determinate meaning, such as warrants them to be used in criminal pleading, as in this indictment in the place of words, (United States.)

These questions will be decided by the opinion of the Court on the appeal.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Benedict.

BENCH WARRANT—POWER OF COURT.

The United States vs. *Hartman.*—The defendant in this case was brought before the Court on a bench warrant. His counsel moved to discharge the warrant, showing by affidavit that on being indicted he had been arrested on a bench warrant and had given bail to appear at the first day of next term, and claiming that under those circumstances the Court had no power to issue another warrant in the meantime. The Judge decided that the Court had power to issue the warrant and denied the motion.

For the United States, Mr. Bell; for defendant, Mr. Donohue.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Blatchford and a Jury.

A DISTILLERY FORFEITED.

The United States vs. *A Quantity of Distilled Spirits, &c., found in Forty-fifth-street.*—This was an action brought to forfeit a distillery and a rectifying-house seized by Collector Bailey in November last.

There were several grounds on which the forfeiture was claimed, the main ground being that there was found a pipe running around connecting the the distillery with the rectifying-house. Other grounds were an alleged failure of the distiller's notice to state the true owners, and to state the various implements with accuracy, and the failure of the parties to make the proper entries on their books. The testimony occupied several days in the taking, and was quite contradictory on most points. When it was closed the District-Attorney moved the Court to direct a verdict for the Government, on the grounds connected with the notice and the failure to make entries. The Court refused to make such direction on the grounds connected with the notice. But it appearing that the place was seized on Sunday night, and that mash had been set over the fires also on Saturday which had not been entered on the books, a verdict was directed for the Government forfeiting the distillery and the spirits found in the rectifying-house, but the rectifying-house itself was directed to be released.

For the United States, District-Attorney Courtney and Mr. Rollins; for claimant, Mr. Dittenhoeffer and Mr. Runkle.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—EASTERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Benedict.

A COLLISION CASE.

Ezra Whitney vs. *The Empire State.*—This case came up on exceptions filed both on behalf of the claimants and of the libelants to the Commissioners' report of the damage sustained by the libelants by reason of the sinking of their vessel on the collision in the pleadings mentioned. It appears that the vessel after the collision was raised, and was then found to be greatly injured both by the blow and by a fire which was caused by the burning of the lime with which she was laden, and she was thereupon sold at public auction in her damaged condition. She was afterward repaired by the buyers at a cost of $6,282 86. Under the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the *Catherine*, (17 How.,) the rule adopted by the Commissioner of ascertaining the damage by a reference to the cost of repair, instead of the result of the sale of the vessel before repairs, was correct. But from the cost of repairs should be deducted the value of anchors, sails, rigging, boat, &c., which were not injured or sold, and which are included in the amount reported. These items are as follows: Rigging, $1,254 80; sails, $650 34; anchors and chains, $317 37; boat, $87 48, making a total of $2,309 40, while on the other hand, there should be added the sum of $300, that being the proved value of the time of the person engaged in superintending the repairs. Aside from these items, the report appears to me to be correct under the rule given by the case of the *Catharine*, which is there laid down as a positive rule, without exception. As to interest, it would seem that it must be allowed upon the value of the cargo and freight. The second exception on the part of the claimant is therefore allowed, and the other exceptions overruled. The first and second exceptions on the part of the libelant are also allowed, and the others in the same behalf are overruled.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge G. G. Barnard.

A PEREMPTORY MANDAMUS AGAINST THE REGISTER OF KINGS COUNTY—THE RIGHTS OF REPORTERS.

The People ex rel. Frederick Creighton vs. *Charles Schurg, Register of Kings County.*—This was a motion on behalf of the relator for a peremptory *mandamus* to compel the Register of Kings County to permit an inspection of all deeds, leases, &c., recorded in the Register's office in Brooklyn. Mr. Creighton, as a representative of the New-York Press, was desirous of making from day to day an examination of the deeds and other instruments indicating the transfers of real estate in Kings County. For some reason which is not altogether clear, the Register, as appears from the affidavit of Mr. Creighton, refused to allow an examination of the books and documents in his office. He states that such demand and refusal took place on the 8th day of January, 1868, and at various other times. Thereupon Mr. Creighton applied to the Supreme Court for a *mandamus* to compel the respondent to allow the inspection. On the return of the order to show cause, Judge BARNARD ordered that a peremptory writ of *mandamus* issue, commanding that said register "permit said Creighton, from time to time, whenever he shall demand to see and inspect them, all instruments in the office of the Register of Kings County, on the same days on which the said instruments shall be received for record." It seems that the Register has never refused to the relator an examination of the books and instruments, except as to those deeds, &c., that were received on the several days the applications were made. But this delay of twenty-four hours was found not to answer the purpose of the relator, who desired the information for publication in the morning papers.

For the relator, Mr. J. F. Daly and Mr. S. P. Cooper.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.—FEB. 20.

Before Judge Barbour and a Jury.

TRANSFER OF STOCK UNDER POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Robert P. Dodge et al. vs. *Wm. B. Hatch.*—This action was brought by the plaintiffs, who were the assignees of the firm of Morgan & Rhinehart, of Washington, D. C., to recover from the defendant five shares of the capital stock of the New-York and Washington Steamship Company, or the value of said stock. The plaintiffs proved that the stock was subscribed for by Morgan & Rhinehart, and was issued to them and stood in their names on the Company's book. That they gave to defendant a power of attorney to dispose of said stock. That defendant did transfer the stock to one Thomas Clyde, but that he never accounted to Morgan & Rhinehart therefor. Plaintiffs also offered to prove the market value of the stock at the time of the transfer by defendant. This was excluded by the Court.

Defendant in his cross-examination alleged that he transferred the stock in accordance with a previous understanding with the transferee, and that he received no consideration for the transfer.

A motion for a non-suit was granted by the Court on the ground that the power of attorney being simply to assign and transfer the stock, and being unaccompanied by any instructions, the defendant was authorized to transfer the stock without receiving any consideration, and that Morgan and Rhinehart had no claim against him for either the stock or the value thereof, but only for the proceeds of the transfer, and since those were nothing, that they had no claim whatever.

DAVIS and EDSALL for defendants; EMERSON and GOODRICH for plaintiff.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—FEB. 20.

THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE TAX LEVY LAW.

Judge MCCUNN this morning rendered the following decision, which explains itself:

Nelson Smith vs. *the Mayor, &c.*—MCCUNN, J.—By this motion, which is in the nature of a demurrer to a plea, the plaintiff demands judgment as on a frivolous answer. The ground of the action is a claim for services rendered by the plaintiff, an attorney and counselor to the Corporation of the City of New-York, during the years 1866 and 1867. The answer propounds for defence that there is no money in the Treasury of the City of New-York to the credit of the appropriation for the specific object or purpose for which the claim set forth in the complaint is founded. The defendants do not dispute their contract with the plaintiff, nor do they deny that he has faithfully discharged all his obligations under the contract. The allegations of the complaint are therefore taken to be true, and the only question is as to their sufficiency in law to warrant a judgment for the plaintiff. The answer interposed by the defendants raises a single issue, which is whether the law of May 4, 1866, commonly called the tax levy, be in respect to the subject in controversy constitutional and obligatory enactments. The particular provisions under discussion are in these words: "The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York shall not be liable upon any contract made or expenditure authorized or liability incurred by any board, department or officer of said Corporation for any object or purpose named in this act, beyond the amount appropriated to such specific object or purpose; and no judgment in actions upon contract shall be entered by default or otherwise in any court against said Corporation, except upon proofs in open court, that the amount sought to be recovered in said judgment still remains unexpended in the City Treasury to the credit of the appropriation to the specified object or purpose upon which the claim sued for is founded." The contract on which the plaintiff bases his claim, appears by the record to have been made before the 4th day of May, 1866, the date of the passage of the law in question, and to have been partially performed before that period. Now, if it were necessary to the decision of this motion, it might be contended, and I think successfully, that the clause in controversy (the act of May 4, 1866) is repugnant to section 10, article 1, of the Constitution of the United States; and is therefore as to the contract in question void and of no effect. This proposition I have already discussed in Wood *vs.* The Mayor, &c., decided at Special Term, June, 1866, and the arguments and authorities adduced in that case need no repetition on the present occasion. I will merely add that the judgment then entered has since received abundant confirmation by all the courts of this City. But the application before me may be disposed of on another and perhaps more satisfactory ground. By section 10, article 3, of the Constitution of New-York, it is ordained that "no private or local bill which may be passed by the Legislature shall embrace more than one subject, and that shall be expressed in the title." Hence, if a private or local bill embrace more than one subject that be not expressed in the title, in either event the bill conflicts with the Constitution and is a nullity. (The People, &c., Hills, 35 N. Y., 449.) The title of the Tax Levy law of 4th May, 1866, is "An act to enable the Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York to raise money by tax for the use of the Corporation for the City of New-York, and in relation to the expenditure thereof." That the Tax Levy law (the act May 4, 1866) is a local bill within the effect of the constitutional prohibition, is sufficiently obvious in its very nature. But, in the Sun Mutual Insurance Company *vs.* The Mayor, &c., (4 Seld, 259,) we have an express adjudication of the point; for in that case the Court of Appeals distinctly determined that the "act to enable the Supervisors of the City and County of New-York to raise money by tax, was a local bill." Now, I take it to be apparent, from the term of the title above quoted, that the bill embraces more than one subject; and still more it is evident that the subject involved in this controversy is not expressed in the title. In this view a doubt might be entertained as to the constitutionality of the entire enactment; but for the purposes of this section, it will suffice to determine the validity of the tenth section, the clause in debate. The true and proper subject of the Tax Levy law (act May 4, 1866,) is to enable the Supervisors of New-York to raise money for the use of the City. Whether the appropriation of the money so raised be for a different subject, may admit of serious question. That the particular provision before us (sec. 10 of act May 4, 1866) whereby the general law of the State is repealed *pro tanto* and the established rules and practice of the courts essentially modified; that this important provision concerning a substantive and independent subject, different in nature from the subject from the consideration and import of the bill, is too plain for judicial discussion. Nor is it less evident and indisputable that this special and exceptional subject is not "expressed in the title of the bill" embracing more than one subject; and the subject involved in the mention not being expressed in the title the bill is inoperative, at least as to that subject, which is foreign to the legitimate scope and object of the enactment. The People *vs.* McCann, 16 N. Y., 60; Williams *vs.* The People, 24 N. Y., 405; The Mayor, &c., *vs.* Colgate, 4 Kerr, 146; Sun Mutual Insurance Company *vs.* The Mayor, (*sub Supra.*) In this last case Mr. Chief Justice Davies employed the following language: "It would be impossible to devise a title more calculated to mislead or throw off suspicion or inquiry as to the real subject of the act. To sanction such a procedure would be to override and nullify a clear, plain and mandatory provision of the Constitution." I cordially approve of the language of a member of the Court for the Correction of Errors, (4th Hill, 418,) where he said: "To maintain the position is to destroy the duty, and if the Legislature has, for any cause, encroached upon that sacred instrument, or if any erroneous construction has been given to it, we are imperatively called upon to declare its meaning and to assert its supremacy." I hold that section 10 of the act, May 4, 1866, being unconstitutional and void, affords no answer to the present action.

The plaintiff must have judgment.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Before Judge Ingraham.

THE CASEY MURDER TRIAL.

The jury in this case, after deliberating for twenty-five hours, during which time they were frequently instructed by Justice INGRAHAM upon certain points of law, came into the Court yesterday afternoon and announced that they were unable to agree. The Judge therefore discharged them and ordered the prisoner to be remanded. Assistant District-Attorney Hutchins gave notice that the accused would be tried again at the next term of the Court of General Sessions.

The proverbial fallibility of juries was demonstrated in this case. The first ballot taken by the jury on Wednesday afternoon showed eleven for murder in the first degree, and one for murder in the second degree. Yesterday morning they remained the same, but finally the obstinate man yielded, and the jury came into Court to announce an unanimous verdict. Before the jurors had an opportunity to present their decision, however, Ex-Judge Stowell, senior counsel for the prisoner, arose and, addressing the Court, asked that his Honor would qualify an explanatory answer, made to the jury a few minutes previously, which was done—Mr. Stewart suggesting the words and Justice INGRAHAM indorsing them. This had the desired effect of once more dividing the opinions of the jurymen and rendering an agreement impossible. The last vote taken was—for murder in the first degree, ten; for murder in the second degree, two.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 20.

By Judge Barnard.

Mary A. Garas, &c., *vs.* Mary E. Eisenlohr, &c.; the charge of $40 is correct.

In the matter of the claim of D. C. Murray et al. *vs.* T. J. Glover et al.; memoranda for counsel.

Birdseye *vs.* O'Leary; the costs are proper, &c.

Wynkoop *vs.* A. W. Bartlett; motion granted on payment of costs.

Ettinger *vs.* Messerole; motion granted, and reference ordered.

Pratt *vs.* Onderdonk; motion granted.

Buckingham et al. *vs.* Julia A. Cox et al.; order granted.

Frederick de Barry *vs.* David Smith; reference ordered to hear and determine.

Toppan, &c., *vs.* Westerfield et al.; motion granted.

Hardie *vs.* Harwood et al.; injunction dissolved.

By Judge Cardozo.

Addie et al. *vs.* Goodyear et al.; motion denied; no costs.

F. A. Gunz et al. *vs.* Bernard Bickel et al.; motion denied with $5 costs to abide the event.

Kaufman et al. *vs.* Eickhorn; motion denied with $5 costs to abide the event.

Ackerman *vs.* Wilson et al.; motion granted and receiver appointed; $10 costs of the motion to abide the event.

O'Conner *vs.* Keller et al.; motion denied with leave to renew on payment of $5 costs.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 20.

By Judge Jones.

Eugene Michon *vs.* A. C. Groux; motion denied with $10 costs.

James W. Monk *vs.* The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company; motion granted.

Mary T. Shea *vs.* Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company; motion granted.

Albert Smith *vs.* John P. Ridnor; motion granted.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Before Justices Kelly and Dowling.

There were but fifteen cases presented by the calendar for consideration, but two of them involving the rights and liabilities of street railroad companies, the session of the Court was protracted to the usual hour of adjournment.

A LESSON FOR TRUCKMEN.

Charles Schultz was arraigned upon the charge of obstructing the track of the Third-avenue Railroad Company. The testimony showed that he was in charge of twelve horses attacked to a truck weighing seven tons, to which was slung a block of marble weighing fifteen tons; that he went upon the up track at Sixth street, and remained upon it, proceeding at a slow pace to Twenty-third-street, when Officer Dixon, of the Eighteenth Precint, interfered, and endeavored to get him off the track, so that the dozen cars that had then accumulated behind him might pass. Schultz, according to the officer, acted in a "mulish manner," and refused to leave the track, but turned his horses so as to place the truck across both tracks, so stopping all travel both up and down, and then proceeded to unhitch his animals. It was further shown that the track was entirely clear of snow, and although the snow and ice was banked on both sides of the tracks, it was not sufficiently so at Twenty-third-street to have prevented Schultz from getting out of the way of the cars. Judge KELLY, in passing on the case, said that if a truck could drive on a track to Twenty-third-street it could to One Hundred and Twenty-third-street, or take possession of the track altogether. The tracks being cleared of snow, undoubtedly offered better roads to vehicles than the sides of the streets, but the snow had been removed by the railroad companies for the accommodation of the public using the cars, and these patrons were first entitled to the benefit of the energy and foresight of the companies. The defendant's plea that his load was so heavy that he could not get out of the way could not be allowed any weight, as no one had the right to go upon the streets with unmanageable weight to the detriment of the rights of others. Schultz was accordingly found guilty and sentenced to a fine of $25, and it was intimated that the punishment was thus light in consideration of the fact that this was a pioneer case of its class, but that imprisonment as well as fine would be awarded future offenders.

A CAR-CONDUCTOR PUNISHED.

The former case establishing the rights of the railroad companies; the next defined the liabilities of their employes. John W. Riley and Patrick Bowen were arraigned for an assault upon Dr. Samuel R. Percy, and it was developed by the testimony that on Monday evening last Dr. Percy was a passenger on a Broadway car, of which Riley was conductor. At Twenty-fourth-street Riley applied for the fare, and Dr. Percy tendered him three one-cent coins and a three-cent stamp. The latter Riley refused to receive, and told Dr. Percy he must give him something else or he would eject him from the car, at the same time applying an abusive epithet. Dr. Percy answered that the stamp was a legal tender, and he should not offer anything else, whereupon Riley seized him by the lappels of the coat, jerked him from his seat and pulled him toward the door. Dr. Percy resisted and blows passed between him and Riley, the latter striking the former once full in the face. On the rear platform Bowen, who was in no wise connected with the car, engaged in the melee, giving Dr. Percy a push, a blow and a kick simultaneously, the combined effect being to throw him to the street. The testimony being concluded, Justice Kelly remarked that although conductors as a class were called upon to exercise a vast amount of patience and occupied trying positions in the present instance, there could be no justification for the conduct of Riley, who was therefore found guilty and sentenced to ten days' imprisonment in the City Prison and to pay a fine of $25. Bowen was also found guilty and fined $25.

POVERTY'S VICTIM.

James O'Brien, unshaven and unkempt, robed in the rough, patched garments of labor, and showing those undefineable marks that compel the detective to say "that is'nt a thief," was brought to the bar to answer the charge of having attempted to pick the pocket of W. A. Stoutenburgh. Justice, looking at the prisoner with a practiced eye, saw an honest man, and was impelled to ask James, "How is this?" "Well, your Honor, its five months I tried hard for work to keep me wife an' five childer, but I couldn't get it, an' we all a starvin'. I did thry to shtale the gintleman's pocket-book. God save me, Sir, I was druv to it by the thought of the childer." All this was said as by one conscious that his plea was not a condonement of his crime. The complainant did not desire to prosecute, and O'Brien was remanded that inquiries might be made concerning him.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

The following was the only case of importance tried yesterday at the Court of General Sessions: Thomas Lynch, a restaurant keeper, of No. 241 Sixth-avenue, was tried and acquitted under an indictment charging him with having on the 14th of August last, feloniously fired two pistol shots at John W. Mulligan, of No. 232 West Sixteenth-street, wounding him in the cheek and in the arm. The grounds of acquittal were that the firing was done in self-defence, Mulligan having previously struck Lynch with his clenched hand. Judge MCCUNN, and a number of prominent citizens gave the prisoner an excellent character, and when the jury rendered a verdict they added the recommendation that the complainant should be proceeded against by the Grand Jury as the aggressor in this affair.

COURT OF SESSIONS, BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Troy and Justices Hoyt and Voorhies.

DISORDERLY HOUSE.

Augusta Miller, a German woman about forty-five years of age, was placed on trial yesterday afternoon for keeping a disorderly house at No. 306 Broadway, Eastern District. John Evans was the complaining witness in the case, and the evidence throughout was of such a character that the jury rendered a verdict convicting the prisoner. Justice Troy sentenced her to the Penitentiary for one year. The woman declared that Evans acted out of spite.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned to Feb. 24.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—PART I.

Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Short Causes,

Nos.	
1049—Githens et al. vs. Halsey et al.	
1813—Ledwich vs. Carver.	
1871—Burnham vs. Walker et al.	
2505—Wilson et al vs. Jerome	
2633—Cooks vs. Munger.	
2681—Bailes et al. vs. Lucretian-field, impl'd.	
2691—Voyt vs. Harnity.	
2736—Brown vs. Casady.	
2247—Galler vs. Gregson.	
3370—Marks et al. vs. Lowenthal.	
2285—Gonser et al. vs. All.	
3399—Hecker vs. Jardine.	
3617—American Meter Co. vs. Bernard.	
3687—Scribner vs. Elmer.	

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—PART II.

Held by Mullen, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Short Causes.

Nos.	
1842—Brown vs. Green et al.	
2178—Harnad vs. Harwood	
2663—Atwater vs. Lovett.	
2612—Field vs. Devlin et al.	
3044—Wood et al. vs. Baker et al.	
3160—Carter et al. vs. Spielman et al.	
3176—Ollivett et al. vs. Reed.	
3174—Jum et al. vs. Brown impl.	
3196—Tilt et al. vs. Wolfsohn.	
3222—Hannmann vs. Jackson et al.	
2224—Hoyt vs. Baker et al.	
2225—Allen vs. Knox.	
3268—Bliss et al. vs. Levy. impl.	

Part III.—Held by Balcom, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Short Causes.

Nos.	
1594—Platt vs. Sazendorph, Imp'd. &c.	
1595—Same vs. Same.	
1959—Same vs. Same.	
2324—Allen vs. Ruh.	
2381—Holmes vs. Donnelly, imp'd.	
2562—Catlon et al. vs. Lane	
2777—Gardner vs. Deutsch et al.	
3009—Silvers et al. vs. Bates et al.	
3055—Broadwell vs. Hoffner.	
3235—Iseaman et al. vs. Lieder.	
3573—Zacharias vs. Volkening.	
3584—Blum et al. vs. Newkirk.	

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Issue of Law and Fact.

Nos.
152—Ackerman vs. Ackerman et al.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Call of Calendar at 12 M.

Reserved Cases.

Nos.	
30—Seymour vs. Davenport.	
98—Birdseye vs. O'Leary.	
127—Kahn vs. Boyd et al.	
129—Oakley vs. Boyd et al.	
130—Cannilpa vs. Boyd et al.	
131—Gore vs. Boyd et al.	
132—Carroll vs. Boyd et al.	
133—Vreeland vs. Boyd et al.	
143—Van Valkenburgh vs. Wyckoff.	
150—Van Valkenburgh vs. Wyckoff.	

Held by Barbour, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	
2847—Wood vs. De Camp.	
3691—Levy vs. Hammond.	
3711—Corey et al. vs. Snoddy et al.	
3843—Russel vs. Berrian.	
3631—McOwen vs. Leiser.	
3271—Thurber vs. Jaquemot et al.	
2629—Viana vs. Wenberg.	
3683—Adelsberger vs. schlaefer.	

Part II.—Held by McCunn, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	
3668—Eagleson vs. Broughton.	
3736—Broadway Bank vs. Howard.	
2078—Security Ins. Co. vs. New Jersey Steam Nav. Co.	
2618—Stuggs vs. N. J. St'm Nav. Co.	
3238—Bubler vs. Goldstein et al.	
1774—Jaffray et al. vs. Ramage et al.	

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Adjourned for the term.

Part II.—Held by Barrett, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

One Hour Causes.

Nos.	
1750—Funke, et al. vs. Bahr,	
1906—Rodgers vs. Jones.	
2035—Smith vs. Sheets, et al.	
42—Hyman v. Franklin.	
1270—Amson vs. Steurmer.	
2027—Merrill vs. Erhardt.	
1800—Fitzpatrick, et al. vs. Haescher.	
2029—Werner vs. Bergman	
1209—Werner vs. Hersch imp'd.	
2098—Bergen vs. Friedlander	
2057—Parker vs. O'Callaghan	
1837—Scott vs. Purdy, et al.	
1709—Kennedy, et al. vs. Leighton.	
199—Burtis vs. Thomas.	
1731—Cohen, et al. vs. Solomon.	

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Held by Alker, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.	
47—Brown vs. Williams.	
214—Cambrelling vs. Cordts.	
73—Graham vs. Third-av. R. R. Co.	
243—Buckley vs. Cody. —Wayne vs. Minbach. —Bluxoms vs. Hertz. —Searls vs. Clark.	
245—Corn vs. Graetze.	
246—McAdam vs. Heesman.	
247—Same vs. Same.	
248—G. M. Co. vs. Rahter.	
249—Devlin vs. Bristol.	
250—Shannon vs. Reilly.	
251—Jackson vs. Rickards.	
252—White vs. Cohen.	
263—Green vs. O'Brien.	
254—Dufois vs. Flynn.	
255—Baldwin vs. Hagar.	
256—Jenkins vs. Smith.	
257—Stewart vs. McDonald.	
258—Case vs. Nat. C. Bank.	
259—Ingersol vs. Lawrishon.	
260—Closs vs. Devene.	
261—Welder vs. Haughton.	
262—Thomas vs. Whitmore.	
273—Brav vr. Bogardus.	
264—Stahl vs. Bunker.	
265—Hinchman vs. Hardisog.	
266—Flagler vs. McKenzie.	
267—Welch vs. Maximilian.	

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Hackett, Recorder.

The People vs. Jacob Kissner; grand larceny.
The People vs. John W. Carter; grand larceny.
The People vs. John Criley; grand larceny.
The People vs. Henry Kruse; grand larceny.
The People vs. Thomas McGuire, alias Louis Bigley; grand larceny.
The People vs. Owen McNamara and Peter Hansen; grand larceny.
The People vs. John Williams; burglary and grand larceny.
The People vs. James Curran; attempt to pick pockets.
The People vs. William Findly and William Morgan; grand larceny.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb 20, 1868.

$28,000 U. S. 6s '81, C.	111¾	100 Quick. Min.	24½
10,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20, R., '62	108	100 MariposaPrf	12¾
1,000 do	107⅜	300 Pacific Mail	110
1,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20 C., '64	108⅜	350 do	110¾
1,000 do	108½	100 do	110¾
125,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '62	111¾	200 do	110¾
5,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R. '65 new	107⅛	500 do 2d call	110
1,500 do	107⅜	200 do s30	110⅝
13,000 U. S. 5-20s, C. '65 new	107⅜	100 Atlantic Mail	96⅝
3,000 do	107⅞	200 do	96¾
7,000 U. S. 5-20s, C. '67 New Issue	108¼	25 Adams Ex	75
13,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40, C.	103⅝	200 Wells-Fargo Ex	73⅝
3,500 do	105⅛	do s30	41⅝
65,000 do	105¼	10 Mer. U. Ex	34⅝
2,000 Tr. notes, 7 3-10s 3d series	107⅛	50 do	35
3,000 Tenn. 6s, new	66¾	100 do	35⅛
12,000 Tenn. 6s, new	64⅞	100 N. Y. Cen. R.	122⅝
7,000 do	64⅞	500 do	122⅝
5,000 Ga. 6s, '86	87	100 do	122¾
1,000 N. Car. 6s	56	100 do	122¾
10,000 do	56⅛	500 do	122⅝
8,000 do	56¾	100 do	122¼
12,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	103⅜	20 do	122⅝
5000 Erie 1st M.	100	100 do	122⅝
1,000 Erie 2d M. '79	103⅜	200 Harlem R.	19
4,800 Buff., N. Y. & E. 1st	94	100 Bost., Hartford & E.	34⅛
5,000 Han. & St. Jos. 1st	103	200 do s30	34¼
3,000 C. & N. W. 1st M.	87½	200 do	34¾
5,000 C., Bur. & Q. 8s	112	50 Reading R. s60	89⅝
1,000 Tol. & No. 7s 2d M.	83½	200 do	89⅝
2,000 C. & N. W. Con. Conv. 8s	86⅛	2800 do 2d call	89¾
1,000 do	86¼	300 M. S. & N. R.	94½
12,000 N. Y. Cen. 7s	103⅜	200 Clev. & N. W.	90
1,000 Cl. & Pitts. 3d M.	79	100 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	74
20,000 C. & G. E. 1st M.	79	200 do	73½
10,000 do	80	100 New-Jersey Cen. R.	117
5,000 C. & M. 1st M.	80	100 Pt. Pt. W. & C.	103⅛
8,000 P., Ft. W. & C. 2d	52	50 do	1.03⅝
500 Phoenix Bank	106	100 do	103
8 Bank N. of N. Y.	172	100 O. & Miss. R.	31⅞
10 Bk. of Com.	150	100 do b10	31⅞
20 Am. Ex. Bank	121	50 do	31⅞
40 Met. Bank	130	38 Chic. B. & Q. R.	102
50 Ocean Bank	103	50 do	102⅛
100 Fourth Nat. Bk.	4	200 Ft. W. & W.	87
20 Continental Bank	103	100 Tol., W. & W. Pf.	70⅜
200 Canton Co.	39½	17 New-Jersey Cen. R.	117
do b10	39⅝	100 Pt. Pt. W. & C.	103⅛
100 do b10	39⅝	50 do	1.03⅝
100 do	39⅝	50 do	103
200 do 2d call	39⅝	100 O. & Miss. R.	31⅞
20 Del. & Hud. Ca.	149½	100 do b10	31⅞
63 do	148½	200 do	31¾
8.0 West. U. Tel.	34½	100 do	31¾
1000 do	34¾	10 Mar. & C. 1st Pf.	91
200 do	34¾	300 do	91¼
100 do s30	34⅝	100 Mar. & C. 2d Pf.	13
100 do	34⅝	100 Ft. W. & Chi.	86
500 do	34⅝	100 Dubuque & S. C.	82
100 do 2d call	34⅝	100 do	83
200 do	34⅝	100 Rens. & Sar. R.	88

SECOND BOARD.

$100,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, reg. '62	108	100 Wells-Fargo Ex.	41
2,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20 C. '62	108⅛	100 do	41⅜
55,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '64	108⅝	300 N. Y. Cen.	122¼
135,000 U. S. 5-20s, C. '65 new	107⅜	200 do	122⅝
2,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '62	111¾	200 do 2d call	122⅝
1,000 do Small	111	200 Erie R. Pf.	79
15,000 Tenn. 6s, new	65¾	1000 Reading R.	89⅝
10,000 Tenn. 3s, 6s, x-c	63⅜	6 Ill. Cen. R.	138⅜
2,000 do	66	200 Clev. & Pitts.	98
5,000 N. Car. State 6s. '68	55½	200 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	74½
2,000 Mo. 1st 6s	104¼	10 do	74¾
7,000 Ga. 7s.	82	100 do	74
10,000 Ga. W. R. 2d M.	77	30 Cleve. & Tol.	114¾
10,000 M. & St. P. 1st	89½	200 do 2d call	114
10,000 Chi. & G. E. 1st	79¾	100 M. & St. P. R.	50⅜
5,000 do	80	100 Mil. & Pr. du Chien Pf.	67
5,000 do	80	60 Tol., W. & W.	70
1,000 do	80½	500 P., Ft. W. & C.	101
100 West. U. Tel.	34¾	100 do	10.2⅝
400 Pacific Mail	110¾	300 Ohio & M. R.	31¾
100 Atlantic Mail	97¼	100 Clev. & Pitts.	98

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100 Boston W. P.	20	4200 Erie R.	73⅝
100 Wells-Fargo Ex.	40	800 do c	73⅝
600 Canton Co.	40	400 do	73⅝
400 Pacific Mail.	110¼	400 do b10	73⅝
100 do	110⅜	200 do s5	73⅝
800 do	110⅜	300 do	73⅝
200 do c	110⅜	100 Tol., W. & W. s60	67¼
100 do	110⅜	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	100⅞
100 do s5	110⅝	100 do	10.1⅜
200 At. Mail	96⅜	200 Ohio & Miss. R.	32
100 do	96⅜	200 Clev. & Pitts.	97⅞
100 do	96⅜	500 do	98
100 West. U. Tel.	34¼	400 Cl. & Tol.	114⅜
1100 do	34⅜	600 do	114⅜
400 Mil. & St. P.	50	200 do s15	114⅜
1100 N. Y. C. R.	ex-d 122¾	800 C., R. I. & P.	98
800 do	122¾	400 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	75⅜
200 do	c 123⅛	300 do	75⅜
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THE WHITE FAWN.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Austrian clergy has been warned by the Home Office against fomenting discontent.

Advices from the English captives to Jan. 1 announce their safety and well being.

The Supreme Court of Natal have decided the Church property question in favor of Bishop COLENSO.

CONGRESS.

The Senate yesterday rejected a motion to adjourn to Monday morning, and it was understood that several members would speak on Reconstruction to-day. The House bill supplementary to the Reconstruction acts was taken up, when Mr. TRUMBULL made some personal explanations in regard to his action on the subject in Committee. The bill requiring every person attempting to vote to have lived ten days in the district where his vote is offered, was debated by Messrs. DAVIS and CONKLING. The debate was not concluded, the subject being postponed until to-day, when it is understood that it will be disposed of, and debate on the Supplementary Reconstruction bill commenced. The Senate then adjourned.

In the House Mr. BANKS reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs the bill regarding the rights of American citizens, which was printed in the TIMES of yesterday morning. It was ordered printed. The select Committee on Southern Railroads reported that during their investigations they had discovered what appeared to be evidence of fraud in the Post-office Department, and recommended that the matter be referred to a special committee. The Committee on Expenditures in the Post-office Department was directed to continue the investigation. Mr. PAINE rose to a question of privilege, and had read a statement signed by all the members of the Reconstruction Committee denouncing as false the statement made by a correspondent of the *Tribune* to the effect that he (Mr. PAINE) had attempted to dodge a vote on the impeachment question, and that Mr. STEVENS, the Chairman, had threatened him in consequence. Mr. STEVENS, who entered during the reading, rose and also denounced the statement of the correspondent. A resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information relative to the sale of ten-forty bonds gave rise to a debate, during which the system of paying commissions to brokers for selling bonds was denounced as extravagant and unsatisfactory. In Committee of the Whole the Army Appropriation bill was taken up. After some discussion the bill was reported to the House, when the amendment providing for the reduction of the army was agreed to, yeas 67, nays 62. The bill was then passed. A lengthy debate on the merits of the bill then ensued, after which the vote, by which it was passed, was reconsidered. Mr. BLAINE then withdrew the proviso relative to the reduction of the army, and the bill was again passed. The House then adjourned.

GENERAL.

A large woolen factory at Steubenville, Ohio, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Several of the operatives narrowly escaped with their lives, and one young lady, who jumped from a third-story window, received injuries which are deemed fatal. The loss on the building is $40,000, and on stock $50,000. No insurance.

The Indiana Republican State Convention assembled at Indianapolis yesterday, every county being represented. Resolutions declaring Gen. GRANT and SCHUYLER COLFAX to be Indiana's choice for President and Vice-President, were adopted amid great enthusiasm. Gov. BAKER was renominated for Governor, and nominations were made for other State officers.

On Tuesday night some robbers entered the room occupied by GEORGE W. BUNDICK, in the FRANKLIN House at Clyde, N. Y., broke open his trunk and stole $5,000 in cash and a note for $2,000 more. No clue to the thieves has been obtained.

The safe of the County Treasurer of Harrison County, Iowa, was robbed on Monday night of $15,000. The robbers were traced to Omaha, Nebraska, but no arrests have been made.

ROBERT SPRIGGS, of Vandalia, Iowa, choked his mother to death on Sunday night. He was laboring under a fit of temporary insanity, and accused her of being a witch.

Judge MCCUNN decided yesterday that the law of the Legislature which provides that it shall be sufficient defence to any action against the City to plead that there is no money remaining in the City Treasury appropriated to the specific object on which the claim is based, is unconstitutional. The Judge decides that the law conflicts with Section 10, Article 8, of the Constitution, which declares that "no private or local bill which may be passed by the Legislature shall embrace more than one subject, and that shall be expressed in the title."

Between thirty and forty officers attendant upon the several courts of record in this City received notice yesterday that their services would be no longer required. Among the number are the crier and deputy crier of the Supreme Court, and two or three well-known *attachés* who have been over twenty years in their positions, and have grown gray in the service.

Judge BARNARD, of the Supreme Court, has granted a peremptory writ of *mandamus* compelling the Register of Kings County to "permit the relator, Mr. CREIGHTON, from time to time, whenever he shall demand to see and inspect all instruments in the office of said Register of Kings County, on the same days on which said instruments shall be received for record."

The National Board of Fire Underwriters concluded the business of their annual meeting yesterday. There was a long and animated session, during which many subjects of importance both to insurers and insured, were discussed. The Board adjourned, to hold its next annual meeting on the third Wednesday of April, 1869. In the evening the Underwriters were entertained at a banquet at DELMONICO'S in Fourteenth-street.

The Board of Commissioners of Charities and Corrections met yesterday morning. The only business of importance transacted was the adoption of a resolution directing the Warden of the City Prison to transfer to the Judges of the Court of Special Sessions a room in the First District Prison, adjacent to the Court room, to be held by that Court until the further action of the Board.

Yesterday, by invitation of the Quarantine Commissioners, several members of the Legislature took a trip down the Bay, in the Commissioners' steamer *Andrew Fletcher*, for the purpose of inspecting the structure at West Bank, and also certain other localities designed to be used for quarantine purposes.

In the Board of Councilmen yesterday the resolution urging Congress to make an appropriation for the new Post-office was referred. A resolution was adopted inquiring of the Street Commissioners why the lamps in Church-street are not lighted. Several remonstrances and vetoes in relation to the Nicolson pavement were received and laid over.

The Coroner's inquest in the case of ALONZO DIVER, who was killed by the explosion of the boiler on the towboat *James A. Wright*, in the harbor, Tuesday afternoon, was begun at Jersey City last evening. After the examination of a few witnesses the case was adjourned for a week.

The trial of SAMUEL HULL for the murder of CHARLES H. PARKER, which occupied the attention of the Court of Oyer and Terminer of Westmoreland County, Penn., for nearly a week, was concluded on Wednesday morning. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution requesting the Democratic National Convention to meet in this city. The resolution requesting the Legislature to annul all proceedings in relation to the extension of Church-street was laid over.

The jury, in the matter of The People *vs.* Richard Casey, tried for murder in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, being unable to agree, after a deliberation of twenty-five hours, were discharged yesterday by Justice INGRAHAM. The prisoner was remanded for a second trial.

The Board of Audit reassembled yesterday, rendered several decisions, and adjourned till to-day at noon.

Cotton was fairly active yesterday, at rather firmer prices. Breadstuffs were less active and heavy. Provisions were in moderate request. Cut Meats, Bacon and Lard were firmer. Groceries were quiet. Freights depressed.

The number of animals received at all the markets for the weekly supply, consists of 4,793 beef cattle, 81 milch cows, 582 veals, 26,002 sheep, and 9,060 swine. The prices of beef cattle are still maintained at 15c.@17c. ₱ lb., net weight, for the best droves. Prime and extra cattle, sold only one two at a sale, are 17½c.@19c. ₱ lb., according to shrewdness of dealers. The supply of really desirable cattle is short. The demand for and prices of sheep of the most desirable quality, are still firm at our last quotations, viz.: 6c.@8c. ₱ lb., live weight. Inferior sheep sell slowly at depressed prices. The hog market shows signs of weakness. The prices are slow at 8c.@8½c.@9c. ₱ lb., live weight, with a few reported at 9½c. The milch cow market is shaky, with no prospect of improvement.

Partisan Intolerance — The Maryland Senatorship.

The cause of loyalty is more injured than helped by the refusal of the Senate to admit Mr. THOMAS, after the report of the Judiciary Committee that no adequate cause exists for his exclusion. The zeal which brands a man with disloyalty because his opinions are not those of his accuser, may be fashionable in certain circles; but when it undertakes to make the difference a pretext for curtailing the choice of a State, and excluding one against whom no overt act is alleged, it becomes a nuisance, from which the party tolerating it will be the heaviest sufferer.

The progress of the wearisome debate which ended in the vote of Wednesday, has shown to what lengths partisan folly is prepared to go in search of excuses for a proceeding not warranted by facts. At the outset the charges against Mr. THOMAS were many and grave. It was averred that his disloyalty had assumed forms that could not be misinterpreted, and justified a denial of his right to take the seat. These charges vanished before the elaborate investigation of the Committee. One after another they were disproved, until the whole thing dwindled down to a complaint that Mr. THOMAS had behaved kindly to his own son. He gave a hundred dollars to his boy who had resolved to leave Baltimore for the rebel army! Such is the circumstance on which, notwithstanding the report of the Committee, the advocates of exclusion placed their main reliance. Such the incident which learned and patriotic Senators presented in all imaginable shapes as proof of Mr. THOMAS' complicity with rebellion.

Latterly the exposition assumed a wider range. Mr. SUMNER cited English definitions of treason, and attempted by a resort to the doctrine of constructive treason, as expounded by English authorities, to enforce an interpretation foreign to the principles and provisions of the American Constitution. The argument may have satisfied Mr. SUMNER, but we doubt whether it will reconcile the country to an importation of English theory and practice in regard to treason. Others, again, tried to frame a sort of treason-felony, by which the assumed logical tendency of a man's sympathies or views should be considered conclusive against him. And in this way the case of Mr. THOMAS has been made the occasion for promulgating principles and purposes, in virtue of which it will be necessary only to show that Senator A or B holds principles which C and the rest of the alphabet consider hostile to the "life of the nation," to vindicate the exclusion of the minority from the Chamber. Indeed, if the tyrannical spirit which in the name of loyalty opposed the admission of Mr. THOMAS, is sufficiently strong to accomplish its purpose, we think that it will be constrained by a proper respect for consistency to purge the Senate of all who are guilty of cherishing Democratic sympathies. There will be no justice in the punishment of Mr. THOMAS, if Senators, holding views identical with his, are allowed to retain their seats.

Whether the temper now at work be thus fully developed or not, its exercise will not be generally regarded in a light favorable to the motives of those who cultivate it. HOOD has reminded us that "the daw is not a religious bird because it cries caw from a church steeple:" and we apprehend that the extremists who under the pretence of loyalty seek to create tests of qualification unknown both to the Constitution and the law, will not thereby secure canonization as loyalists or patriots. All but those who read through the same spectacles will trace in this dispute about Mr. THOMAS, nothing more than a vulgar and very selfish partisanship. In this sense its folly is as striking as its intolerance. For the time will probably come when the balance of power will pass into other hands, and then, perhaps, the pretences plied so boldly by Radical Senators will return to plague their inventors. Mr. BLAINE caught a glimpse of this possibility in the House on Saturday, when he reminded Republican members that a too rigid application of tests of their own devising may soon react detrimentally to their party. If ever the Democrats regain power, their right to construe sympathies and opinions will be justified by what is now going on; and who knows that some of the extremists who voted for Mr. THOMAS' exclusion will not then be numbered with the excluded?

The House Committee of Elections, reporting in the case of the Kentucky members last December, laid down the only rule which is compatible with law or justice, when they insisted upon the smallest possible infringement of the right of constituencies to send to Congress whom they please. One part of their report will admit of repetition:

"While the Committee entertained no doubt that it is the right and duty of this House to turn back from its very threshold every one seeking to enter who has been engaged in armed hostility to the Government of the United States, or has given aid and comfort to its enemies during the late rebellion, yet we believe that *in our Government the right of representation is so sacred that no man who has been duly elected by the legal voters of his district should be refused his seat upon the ground of his personal disloyalty, unless it is proven that he has been guilty of such open acts of disloyalty that he cannot honestly and truly take the oath prescribed by the act of July 2, 1862*; and further, that the commission of such acts of disloyalty to the Government should not be suspected merely, but should be proven by clear and satisfactory testimony, and that while mere want of active support of the Government or a passive sympathy with the rebellion are not sufficient to exclude a person regularly elected from taking his seat in the House, yet whenever it is shown by proof that the claimant has by act or speech given aid or countenance to the rebellion, he should not be permitted to take the oath, and such acts or speech need not be such as to constitute treason technically, but must have been so overt and public, and must have been done or said under such circumstances as fairly to show that they were actually designed to, and in their nature tended to, forward the cause of the rebellion."

Common sense goes no further than this. It repudiates the constructive-treason theory which Mr. SUMNER has labored to build as at once un-American and unjust; and it recognizes as binding the choice of a Legislature or a constituency unless the person chosen is notoriously and beyond all question chargeable with direct or indirect participation in the rebellion. The test-oath was designed to afford the requisite guarantee in this respect, and until recently it has been held to be equal to all probable emergencies. It is the safeguard prepared by Congress, and is so comprehensive and stringent that we have heard of no rebel willing to attempt a passage through its meshes. Is not this oath a sufficient check upon Maryland Senators? And as Mr. THOMAS was prepared to take it, does not the determination to supplement it with obstacles invented for the occasion look more like partisan intolerance than patriotism or loyalty?

What Will She Do About It?

We suppose it must be the success of Miss DICKINSON and Mrs. YELVERTON that has started so many ladies on the business of public lecturing throughout the country. Beside the feminine lecturers on woman's rights, (whose names have become familiar as household words,) we have within a short time seen a crop of new names advertised to deliver lectures, or give readings, upon social, scientific or philosophical subjects. In this City, the present week, the names have been announced of Mrs. ELLETT, Miss BARTON and Miss LOGAN. So far as the thing has gone, it has received encouragement; and we suppose every one will agree with us that only encouragement is required to bring a countless swarm of eager aspirants into the field.

We do not propose at this moment to make any criticism on the thing itself. We do not intend to find any fault with it; nor do we mean to indulge in any of those platitudes about "woman's sphere," which the clever women of the day only laugh at. If we wanted to see a hundred lady lecturers where there is now one, we can conceive no surer way of gratifying our wish than by arguing with our whole might against the entire business, and berating all who gave it countenance. The newspapers have learned some rather humiliating lessons on this point. If on any matter whatever, whether small or great—whether of fashion, or principle, or education, or progress—an idea has begun to work itself into the female head, it only requires a vigorous opposition by the Press to make it spread till opposition is seen to be useless. When the hoop or crinoline was first introduced, denunciation and ridicule were exhausted against it. And now behold the sweeping consequence! It may be said to be only within a generation that women began to write books. The way in which they were assailed and laughed at by mankind for their attempts at authorship is familiar to all who know anything of literary history. The result has been that now-a-days almost every woman is an author or intends becoming one. Some three or four years ago a few ladies made their appearance in Paris and London with chignons on their heads. The newspapers and caricaturists and wits fell upon them hammer and tongs, (if we may speak thus,) till very soon they found they had planted a chignon on every lady's crown in Europe and America. Again, some ten years since one or two ladies timidly announced themselves in this country as doctors. The entire Press (the TIMES excepted) at once set to work showing how improper and outrageous this was. And now, as the upshot of all the objurgations and ridicule, we have two ladies' medical colleges in this City, one or two in Philadelphia, one or two in Boston, and probably not less than a dozen in the whole country, from which practitioners are turned out in yearly enlarging crops. And so successful have they been in the profession that many of them derive large incomes from it; and in this City more than one commands professional incomes twice as large as the salary of the Governor of the State of New-York.

We might easily continue our illustrations of the mortifying effects of newspaper opposition to the ideas or fancies of the sex whom foolish men call the weaker—as though that could be the feebler sex which always carries its point in the face of every opposition. But the cases we have cited are so striking as to make further remark needless.

As we said at first, therefore, so now we say again—we have no intention of uttering a word against ladies entering the profession of public lecturing. If people pay to hear it, it is quite certain they want it; and what they want, they will quite certainly have, in any event. But having thus mollified the feelings of all parties, and made opposition to our opinions impossible, might we venture to make a single suggestion, which has a general application, as well as a special reference, to the approaching Presidential campaign, when public speakers of all sorts will be in great demand. We trust the lady lecturers will give the public something like novelty in the selection and treatment of their subjects, and will not all rush into the field of politics and statesmanship. It is a good sign that of the three lecturers who have appeared this week, all have taken up other topics than those which occupy the mind of ANDREW JOHNSON and THAD. STEVENS. There are good things to be talked of beside politics, and as men now drive each other half crazy by lecturing and hectoring about them, we should like occasionally to hear something else from the female platform. We should like, too, that they would not take up topics that require indulgence in invective and denunciation. These are not nice things, and they should be left to men, who have bass voices. But if they will give their audiences the fine products of fancy and imagination and high ideality in pure mellifluous voices, the human race may still be able to tolerate life and wait patiently for their passage to Heaven.

Negro Government in the South.

We should think nobody could suppose that the negro population of the South will be able to retain for any length of time the political control that has been placed in their hands.

Congress has done for them all that can possibly be done. They have had majorities in all the State Conventions. By their votes the Constitutions have been formed. In their interest laws have been made, and for their advantage the framework of things has been fixed. They seem to feel that power has been permanently secured to them, and their special admirers in Congress act as though there could be no doubt of their continued supremacy.

Yet the simple fact that they constitute only a third of the population of the Southern States, is conclusive as to their political subordination in the long run. In forming themselves into a party opposed to the whites, they have challenged a direct contest on this point, and as the struggle is definitely and pointedly between the races *quâ* races, they have compelled a decision of their claims upon this ground. In our system, numbers must inevitably tell. By the disfranchisement of a large number of the whites, and the conferring of universal suffrage upon the blacks, an advantage may be temporarily secured to the latter. But, at most, this can only have its effect for a few years. Every year sees a vast crop of young men attain their majority, to whom the disfranchising laws, because of participation in the rebellion, have no application; and before ten years have passed we shall have hundreds of thousands of white voters in the South who cannot be disfranchised without an overthrow of democratic government. This alone will give the whites a numerical preponderance that will easily overcome the political supremacy of the blacks. The negroes, now, have all the advantages of their numerical strength. The future can bring them no increase. Beside their fixed and absolute inferiority in numbers, they must grow relatively weaker every day.

If this statement alone were not conclusive against the political dominance of the blacks, we would refer to other fixed points that the white population of the South will continue to hold in their favor. The possession of the landed property, the commercial control, the brain-superiority, the political traditions, are with the white race, and will continue there. The negro, we trust, will continue to grow in general knowledge, in political wisdom and in democratic capacity; but it will be a long time before he is equal in these respects to a race which has the history and opportunities of the American whites.

On the broad grounds of race, character, conditions, institutions, history and numbers, it is evident that the black race cannot retain political control of the South, and equally evident that the race which has enormous advantages in all these points must show their effect in politics, government and power. It is worth while for Congress to keep this in mind in its political legislation for the South.

Fire Insurance and its Abuses.

Some of the statements at the annual meeting of the Fire Underwriters are really startling. We had occasion some time ago to notice the spread of incendiarism as one of the tokens and results of hard times; but the information we then relied upon was cheerful in comparison with that furnished by the Board. The enormous increase of losses which has been of late experienced would be bad enough though it were inevitable under any accepted estimate of risks; but these losses assume appalling proportions when they stand out, as now they do, as for the most part the product of incendiarism. One speaker at the meeting declared that "the spirit of incendiarism is holding high carnival in our country at the present time," and that the legitimate hazard encountered by the companies is hidden by the hazard proceeding from crime. Another speaker asserted that, of the losses experienced by one company, ninety-five per cent. arose out of arson; and, though this seems to have been an exceptional case, no attempt was made to deny or even to qualify the general representation on the subject.

Of course, as a consequence of this state of things, the companies complain that their profits have seriously declined—a fact which, in view of the statements of the Board, is less surprising than that they have any profits at all. And an argument is entered upon to prove that the earnings of capital invested in the fire insurance business are smaller than the returns that might be relied upon in less hazardous investments. The obvious inference is, that higher rates should be exacted to compensate for the higher risks that prevail. One after another the speakers dwelt upon the assumed readiness of individuals to pay any advance that may be proposed by the companies. But this is not the remedy on which reliance should be placed. If, from various causes, the legitimate risks of the business necessitated higher rates of premium, the duty of the companies would be to impose them, and there could be no rational objection to their payment on the part of the public. It is confessed, however, that the enhanced risk is not legitimate, and there is, therefore, no justice in the proposal to make it the ground of heavier premiums unless the companies are able to show that they employ all proper precautions to prevent or punish the crime which is the prime operating cause of their disasters.

The underwriters do not pretend that in this respect the companies discharge their duty either to their stockholders or the public. On the contrary it is admitted by all familiar with the subject, that not only do the companies fail to employ the requisite care in the conduct of their business, but that under the influence of an unhealthy competition they facilitate the practices of which they complain. Their operations, in truth, are marked by recklessness rather than by the caution and care which should distinguish all insurance. They are too often wild in the acceptance of risks, and they are habitually hasty in the settlement of losses. These twin facts explain much of what would otherwise be inexplicable. For they account for the facilities with which excessive insurances are accumulated on stocks of goods or on buildings, and for the extraordinary impunity which attends incendiary fires.

Before the companies appeal to the public for sympathy or for higher premiums, they may be properly required to employ all the measures of prevention, detection or punishment which are within their reach. They must content themselves with the legitimate growth of business, and must display moral courage enough to delay the settlement of losses until they are satisfied as to the cause of the fires and the justice of the claims. The system which tolerates an unlimited accumulation of risks on the same property must be abandoned. Personal and business character and credit must be considered in connection with the acceptance of risks. And there must be no hesitancy in probing the causes of disaster to their bottom, or in withholding payment and instituting prosecutions where good ground exists for imputing crime. A change of policy so radical will upset the calculations of many agents and dash to pieces a good deal of knavery; but it is demanded in the interest of society not less than of the companies, whose functions are so closely interwoven with the trade and property of the country.

MINOR TOPICS.

It is not easy to conjecture the reasons which may lead the President to nominate Gen. MCCLELLAN for the English Mission. No one pretends that he has any special qualifications for the place, and it is not easy to see what political objects are to be promoted by giving it to him. In the present state of our foreign relations a man of ability, learning and experience, is especially required in England, and Gen. MCCLELLAN has no one of these qualifications. His nomination would be a very great mistake,—his appointment would be a much greater one.

It seems to be generally conceded now by the urgent advocates of immediate reconstruction, that it was a mistake to require a majority of all the registered voters of a State to participate in the election to render valid the ratification of the Constitution. But that requirement was inserted to ward off what seemed to be a more pressing danger. It was known that the whites of the South were accustomed to political action, and were well organized, whereas the blacks were utterly inexperienced and without organization of any kind. It was therefore feared that the whites might succeed in casting a large vote against the Constitution, while the blacks could get but a small portion of their vote out. It was to guard against this danger that the clause was adopted. And if we are now to go back to the original plan, the danger which led to its abandonment may come back again.

Mr. DICKENS is probably lucky in having got through so much of his mission, and being so nearly ready to return to England. Hon. H. C. MURPHY, in the State Legislature the other day, showed himself of the mind of Mr. BANKS on the subject of the imprisonment of our people by the British authorities in England and Ireland, and said he was for arresting the English in this country who had slandered our institutions and villified the nation, and locking them up till the British Government should have liberated the American citizens now in its custody. "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and a Briton for a Fenian" has certainly a force of old prescription to recommend it, and would wonderfully simplify the whole matter, sparing our Secretary of State a good deal of trouble in the way of correspondence. But it would be likely to add one more to those storms, convulsions and earthquakes which the philosophers have been predicting for the current year of grace.

When we mentioned yesterday the death of a woman near this City by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, we were not aware that two women—one of them in this City—were sacrificed on the same day to the same dangerous and murderous substance. Both cases occurred on Wednesday. We wish some one of the Coroners or Coroners' juries would take some notice of the cause of these ever-recurring kerosene accidents. We have no doubt that, taking the whole country, millions of dollars of property are destroyed, and hundreds of cases of killing or maiming, are brought about by it every year. If these accidents occur through adulteration of the article, it is time the matter were brought to legal and legislative notice.

The Mayor is retaining for further consideration an ordinance for paving Seventh-avenue from Fourteenth-street to the Central Park with the Stafford pavement,—which is like the Nicholson pavement in all essential respects and said to be an improvement upon it in some particulars. It would be a very great boon to a very large class of the community if they could have one avenue of easy, quiet and comfortable access for carriages to the Central Park. We hope the Mayor will not insist on holding the ordinance until he can fortify himself for rejecting it.

The belief has been steadily gaining ground for many years that our public school children are taxed too much with studies to be learned at home, and are deprived thereby of proper opportunities for recreation. The subject has at last come before the Board of Education in such a shape that official inquiry will be made into the grounds of the charge. We are disposed to think that there is good reason for such an investigation as that proposed. If half the allegations which are made against this particular practice of the schools are demonstrated to be well-founded, it is high time that a reform were instituted. American youth are prompt to learn, and on this account greater care ought to be exercised to prevent any overtaxing of their abilities. The question, therefore, is of grave importance, involving both the mental and physical interests of the rising generation.

The fact that a railroad conductor standing on the platform of his car, going through one of the principal streets of the City in the early evening, can be deliberately murdered after a scuffle with one of his passengers, and that the murderer can escape arrest, pursuit and detection, is one that is calculated to suggest some rather startling doubts as to the efficiency of the Police of the City, and the safety of life in the very heart of the metropolis. It seems to us, moreover, that the steps taken to arrest and punish the perpetrator of this unprovoked murder are not at all what the importance of the case requires.

The new Constitution of Louisiana provides for the education of all children in public schools, without distinction of race or color; but it adds that "no separate schools shall be established for any separate race." In other words, neither whites nor blacks shall be permitted to provide separate schools for their children, no matter how much both may desire it! Where is the necessity for such a prohibition as this? And where is the common sense in making it? Why should the two races be thus *forced* together, even against the will of both?

The English Government, which never, at any time, made a concession to the Irish people, except upon compulsion of some sort or under threat of disturbance, is now announcing a Reform Bill for Ireland; and other good conciliatory measures are in store. Something will be done, probably, but in a tardy and ungracious manner, which will leave the main body of the people as unfriendly and thankless as before. It is announced, at the same time, that Dublin is to get £100,000, by Parliamentary grant, for an Institute of Science and Art; and Cork and Belfast the same amount each for the improvement of the harbors there; and the people of these three places will thank the lucky wind, however or wherever it came to blow, which will bring them such things, looking on them as windfalls, in fact, and little more.

A correspondent writes to know why we have "given the credit of precedence in granting diplomas to female practitioners of medicine to the *Swiss*," when it is known that this credit is due to the "Germans, and to the old University of *Giessen*, in the Grand Duchy of Hesse Darmstadt, on the River Lahn, a tributary of the Rhine, far away from Switzerland." Being thus put to the right, we trust all parties will be satisfied.

It used to be thought, and with great justice, that no war news could be so worthless as the news from the Potomac; but at that time we never had "News from the Parana." The Paraguayan tidings for more than two years have been so absolutely blind and contradictory, that it is safe to say the only thing trustworthy about them is their untrustworthiness. For example, we are now told that the prospects of LOPEZ are improving; the previous steamer assured us his fortunes were at the lowest ebb; the last but one, that the Brazilians were in despair; the one before that, that nothing could prevent their success. So runs back the chequered story, and it would be almost safe to predict that the very next mail from Rio will record the brilliant prospects of Don PEDRO. Months have elapsed since a stroke worthy of being considered decisive was made, and the effect of the steady decimation of both armies by disease is almost the only subject upon which speculation is not wasted.

The Chaplain of the Louisiana Convention must be a very mercenary creature if it be true, as our correspondent says, that the other day, foreseeing the end of the assembly, he drew his warrant for $200, and, "expecting no more, dropped the concern and left." The Arkansas Chaplain was more faithful, as he not only opened every day's session with prayer, to the end, but, after the Convention adjourned, made an extra farewell speech to the departing delegates. We are afraid the former was one of those known as "bread-and-butter" chaplains. He is of the race of clergymen satirized by LOWELL as devoted to those alone "from whom my bread and cheese are."

Dr. Ollapod's belligerent demonstrations toward Lady Kitty Carbuncle have been matched by those of a couple of Memphis gentlemen of his profession. A pair of druggists of that city crossed the Mississippi into Arkansas, and exchanged rifle shots "at fifty paces." This was better than fighting with pistols across a handkerchief. Naturally enough, nobody was touched, "the affair was amicably settled," and both knights of the pestle and mortar recrossed the river with sound skins and honor healed. Whether the annual mortality in Memphis will after all be reduced by their safety, we are not told; but we would venture to say that if they had fought with pills and potions, they would both have fallen at the first fire.

What the *Courrier Francais* says of FARRAGUT's visit to Italy is what half the European Press says; and what the *Courrier* says is so amusingly absurd that we can only laugh at it here in America. The presence of his squadron in Neapolitan waters, we are told, "is meant to counterbalance the presence of the French troops in the Papal States." Oh, no, it is chiefly meant to help the Admiral and his friends to have a good time. "Admiral FARRAGUT has had interviews with many of the most eminent men of the party of action, and is said to have promised them his support." He has certainly promised them nothing of the sort, and could not give it if he had. In fine, "America is beginning to take a part in European affairs"—we do not say either yes or no, but she is certainly not doing so through the medium of the pleasure-jaunt of FARRAGUT. By the way, the same thing was said about the trip of Mr. FOX.

AMUSEMENTS.

Steinway Hall.

The fifth grand oratorio performance of the season, arranged by Mr. L. F. HARRISON, took place last night. The occasion was celebrated by many pleasant things. It restored to the public Mme. PAREPA-ROSA, who, as our readers know, has been disabled by sickness. It gave us also the best oratorio performance ever heard in America; and it was an opportunity for the harmonic Society to pay a merited compliment to their efficient conductor, Mr. L. F. RITTER. Mme. PAREPA-ROSA seemed to be a little nervous when she came on the stage, and was evidently rendered more so by the tremendous reception which she received. The house received her with an acclaim which was overwhelming, and, it may be added, the "house" was the largest ever brought together in Steinway Hall—absorbing not only the ample space of the large hall, but of the little one which leads to Fourteenth-street. Of Mme. PAREPA-ROSA's singing we have nothing to say. It was simply perfect. After a long sickness it is most embarrassing to begin in a piece so intricate and wearisome as the opening recitative of the second part, but Mme. ROSA went through its modulations without the defection of a tone; and in the aria electrified the audience by the vigor, intensity and endurance which she alone possesses. Referring to our second clause: The oratorio was the best performance we have ever had in America. Miss BRAINERD, an admirable singer at all times in this sort of music, was in splendid voice, and sang with exquisite feeling; Mr. GEORGE SIMPSON and Mr. J. R. THOMAS were alike excellent. The chorus and orchestra, under Mr. F. L. RITTER's direction, were thoroughly good. And now the third clause: Between the parts a gentleman came forward and in the name of the Harmonic Society presented Mr. RITTER with a medal as a token of their respect for him, and an acknowledgment of his services in the cause of music. It was agreeable to the members of the Society, and it is pleasant to know that it was accepted as a just tribute to industry and merit by the public.

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 20.

GEN. SHERMAN AND THE PRESIDENT.

The letter of Gen. SHERMAN to Gen. GRANT which was transmitted by the latter to the President yesterday, did not reach the House to-day in response to the resolution calling for it. It is reported to be pointed and forcible in the reasons given for declining the brevet appointment and in asking to be relieved from the order assigning him to the command of the new military division. The President at once complied with the latter request, and last night revoked so much of the General Order in question as assigned Gen. SHERMAN to this command.

MORE RECONSTRUCTION PLANS.

Senator TRUMBULL to-day presented a new ratification bill in the Senate, embracing the main features of Senator WILSON's resolution providing for the admission of Alabama, made applicable to all the Southern States which have not yet held elections. He consumed much of his speech in presenting the bill in a defence of the Senate against the charge that it was responsible for the provisions in the Reconstruction acts, requiring a majority of all the registered votes for the ratification of the Constitutions. GARRET DAVIS followed him in a speech which, as is usually the case when he speaks, emptied both the floor and galleries, and prevented an Executive Session, as he barely finished before 5 o'clock. An agreement was made to take a vote on it to-morrow, when it will undoubtedly pass, after it has been amended so as to include Alabama in its operations.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The gyrations of the House to-day during the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill, were neither amusing, instructing, nor dignified. Mr. BLAINE, from the Military Committee, had charge of the bill, and was particularly interested in retaining the provision against the appointment of civilians to Second Lieutenancies. Nearly all the ex-volunteer Generals in the House, including Messrs. BANKS, LOGAN, SCHENCK, GARFIELD, and PILE, attacked him ferociously, but he stood his ground manfully, and carried his point by three majority. Subsequently, however, the vote was reconsidered, and, by a majority of four, the provision was stricken out. As the law now stands, appointments in the regular army can be made as they were during and since the war. It is probable that the Senate will reinsert the provision, and if it does, the matter will ultimately go to a committee of conference.

DEPARTMENT SPECIAL AGENTS.

The Senate bill regulating the appointment of special agents of the several departments is now before the House branch of the Joint Committee on Retrenchment. They met to-day and proceeded with the examination of witnesses with reference to the necessity, manner of appointment and the duties of special agents. They will look closely into the several branches of the service in this respect, and will probably modify the bill somewhat, though of its passage as a measure there is no doubt.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The District Commissioners of both Houses will refuse to report any changes in the system of government for the District of Columbia which will deprive the freedmen of their right to vote or be elected to office.

LAND CLAIMS.

The House Judiciary Committee will report in favor of the claim of the contestants to the well-known "Panoche Grande" land claim, involving the title to the New-Inria Quicksilver Mine, and one of the richest mineral tracts in California. The matter has been in litigation some twelve years, but a settlement will now be reached if the report of the Committee be sustained by the House. The contestants are "WM. MCGARRAGAN and assigns against SERGEANT and brother, representing the company."

THE IMPEACHMENT VOTE.

Mr. PAINE, of Wisconsin, to-day succeeded in bringing the entire Reconstruction Committee to vindicate him from the charge of having attempted to dodge the vote on impeachment in committee. This was only necessary for his vindication among those who do not know him to be a gentleman whose own statement of a fact is proof of its truthfulness. Mr. STEVENS emphatically denied that he had ever had any such conversation with the correspondent of the *Tribune* or any one else. There is a question of veracity now between Mr. STEVENS and the correspondent. The latter's informant is willing to make affidavit that Mr. STEVENS did tell the story just as related.

THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC LAND.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to-day making important changes in the disposition of lands hereafter granted to railroad companies. It provides that the lands shall be s

Clara County, in favor of TEODORO and SEGUNDINO ROBLES, containing eight thousand four hundred acres, the patents to be delivered to the parties entitled thereto. The United States Surveyor appointed to establish the boundary between the State of Oregon and the Territory of Idaho, has reported the completion of that survey, the marking of said boundary from the point of confluence of the Owyhee with Snake River, due South 124 miles to the forty-second parallel of north latitude.

MINISTER TO CHINA.

The nomination of J. ROSS BROWNE, as Minister to China, is strongly indorsed by the Press of California. It is expected, since the particulars of Mr. BURLINGAME'S mission have been received, that action upon Mr. BROWN'S nomination will soon be taken by the Senate. There is apparently no opposition to his confirmation.

THE HOUSE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The report made by the Committee on Accounts, fully exonerating the Sergeant-at-Arms, ORDWAY, from the charges against his official integrity, was to-day unanimously adopted by the House.

REVENUE FRAUDS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has information from Kansas that an Assistant Assessor, a rectifier, an Inspector of Spirits and a distiller had been detected in committing frauds upon the Government, and had been arrested and put under bonds, and the distillery and other property seized confiscated.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The following amounts were received from customs at the ports named from Feb. 10 to the 15th, inclusive: Boston, $266,947 18; New-York, $2,308,966 16; Philadelphia, $145,749 79; Baltimore, $60,744 21; New-Orleans, $134,531 47. Total, $2,916,938 81.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE.

The Board of Army Officers, consisting of Lieut.-Gen. SHERMAN, Major-Gen. SHERIDAN and Brevet Major-Gen. AUGUR, recently convened in this city to examine into the proposed system of revised army regulations has been dissolved by special orders No. 41, just issued from the War Department, and the officers comprising the Board have been ordered to return to their proper stations, having completed their duties here.

The resignation of Major RICHARD R. MONTGOMERY, Judge Advocate, has been accepted by the President, to take effect on and after the 14th inst.

The following resignations have also been accepted: First Lieut. DRAMES H. WILLIAMS, Forty-first Infantry; First Lieut. ROBERT F. STOCKTON, Fifth Cavalry; Second Lieut. RICHARD R. ROUSSEAU, Second Cavalry, and Assistant Surgeon H. A. DUBOIS, United States Army.

PROTECTION OF EMIGRANTS AT SEA.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a communication to the Senate, respectfully urges upon the attention of Congress the necessity of providing for the better protection of steerage passengers at sea, by a thorough and immediate revision of the laws now in force. He suggests:

That the carrying of steerage passengers should be confined to a single deck; that the minimum age at which two children count as one passenger should be reduced so that this proviso shall apply to children over one and under five years of age, instead of eight years, as the law now stands; that every vessel distinctly engaged in the carriage of passengers should be required to have a well-supplied medicine-chest for the benefit of passengers and crew, and there should be a regularly qualified physician or surgeon on board, and that there should be an improved mode of ventilation and specified rules for cooking. Recent facts, brought to the knowlege of the Department, to induce the protection of morals on emigrant vessels, disclose the most revolting details with regard to the privacy of female passengers. All immigrants to this country should feel, the moment they embark, that they are reasonably under the protection of a beneficent, free Government, and the sanctity of female retirement should be guarded by adequate legislation. In the special case alluded to the female passengers of the ship were powerless in the hands of an unrestrained crew. The penalties for criminal offences of this character should be so severe and inevitable as to deter all evil-minded persons, by the certainty of a prompt retributive justice, and these penalties should attach in a corresponding degree to all masters or officers of vessels cognizans of or permiting such outrages. The Secretary makes other suggestions on the subject.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

The bill reported by Representative BINGHAM to-day from the Committee on Reconstruction is as follows:

Be it enacted, &c., That the several persons hereinafter named be and they are hereby severally relieved from all disabilities imposed upon them, or either of them, by the laws of the United States, to wit: Messrs. Wm. H. Holden and C. J. Rogers, of Wake County, N. C.; Wm. A. Smith, of Johnson County, N. C.; Calvin J. Cowles, of Wilkes County, N. C.; Thomas Settle, of Rockingham County, N. C.; Luke Blackmer, of Rowans County, N. C.; Robert W. Flournoy, of Pontotoc County, Miss.; Joshua S. Morrissey, of Claiborne County, Miss.; James R. Berry, of Little Rock, Ark.; Victor C. Berringer, of North Carolina; Gen. James Longstreet, of Louisiana; Robert B. Kingsbury, of Texas; Thomas J. Mackey, of South Carolina; James L. Orr, of South Carolina, and Joseph E. Brown, of De Kalb County, Ga.

SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court to-day, on motion of Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON, JOHN RANDOLPH QUINN, Esq., of Maryland, was admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at this Court.

On motion of Hon. J. R. DOOLITTLE, E. H. ELLIS, of Wisconsin, was admitted.

On motion of Hon. F. T. FRELINGHUYSEN, JOHN W. TAYLOR, Esq., of New-Jersey, was admitted.

No. 87. Lessee of JOHN A. POOR, *et ux*, plaintiff in error, *vs.* PATRICK CONSADINE et al. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. HUNTER, of counsel for this plaintiff in error, and by Mr. STANBERY and Mr. LINCOLN, of counsel for the defendents in error.

GEORGIA.

The Reconstruction Convention—The Radical and Conservative Caucuses—The Constitution to be Silent on Negro Eligibility to Office—Report of the Committee on the Legislative Department, &c.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ATLANTA, Ga., Friday, Feb. 14, 1868.

The resolution which was offered yesterday, but refused consideration, "demanding" that the Supreme Court of the United States shall decline to entertain Gov. JENKINS' motion for an injunction, was offered again to-day and adopted by a large majority. The suggestion that Mr. BINGHAM be engaged to go to Washington and instruct the Court, was not pressed. Whether this was caused by the modesty of Mr. BINGHAM, or the apprehension that his instructions would not be thankfully received, is not positively known to outsiders.

As I stated by telegraph last night, the Conservative caucus of yesterday evening pronounced their ultimatum on the tenth section of the Franchise report, giving the negroes the unrestricted right to hold office. There were thirty-nine delegates at the meeting, and there were about ten or twelve who were absent who fully concurred in the action of those present. It was proposed and strongly urged by several delegates that should the majority persist in passing the obnoxious section, they (the Conservatives) should immediately file a protest against it, give their reasons for withdrawing in a body from the Convention, and then leave on the ground that the Reconstruction Acts do not require that the negroes shall be declared eligible to office, and that, therefore, to attempt to do so is a breach of the contract, on the faith of which they (the Conservatives) supported the Convention and accepted election as delegates.

After considerable debate, and after Ex-Gov. JOS. E. BROWN had expressed his views, it was finally agreed the Conservatives should not *secede*, but should announce their intention to oppose the Constitution, and use all their influence to defeat it, if the unqualified right to hold or be elected to office were conferred on the negroes.

The Radical caucus met after the Conservatives had adjourned, and the result of the deliberations of the latter was imparted to them at once. I am told that the discussion was very earnest and lengthy. The question was intricate and perplexing in the extreme. To appear to yield any of the rights of the colored race would never do. Those rights, both real and imaginary, must be maintained at all hasards. To persuade the negro delegates that the section might be stricken out without depriving them of any right or privilege, and that their eligibility to the offices of Governor, Senators and members of Congress was effectually guaranteed without it, was a labor almost equal to that of recalling the step taken in the "descent of Avernus." The negroes asked rather pertinently, "If the sekahun ain't no account, what, in de name o' God, is it thar for?" Then, again, it was to be considered that the people of North Georgia, whose votes had carried the Convention, would to a certainty bitterly oppose the Constitution "if the niggers are enabled to run for office." Now, those people's votes are secured by the Relief law, and their general willingness "to settle on the basis of the Sherman bill;" but if the negro office-holding is inserted, they will almost unanimously vote against the Constitution. Furthermore, it was not deemed prudent to provoke the declared hostility of the Conservatives, and thus give such increased strength to the Macon Conventionists, who are formidable enough as they are. Therefore, it was finally agreed to allow the clause to be stricken out, and let the future Constitution be silent on the subject of negro office-holding. This course was adopted this morning. Mr. BRYANT, Mr. AKERMAN and a few colored delegates resisted the concession to the last. Mr. AKERMAN made an impassioned appeal in favor of the rights of the colored men to hold office, and condemned, with much spirit, the assertion that the black man is intellectually, morally or socially disqualified. His speech astounded his friends, who believed that he entertained diametrically opposite opinions, and the effect of it astounded himself when he found that most of the colored delegates voted with the majority to strike out.

When I commenced to write my letter of yesterday, nobody dreamed that the Radicals would ever yield this point, and if the vote had been taken yesterday the section would certainly have been adopted. By the concession, if such it may be called, they have certainly taken a good deal of the wind out of the sails of the opposition, and considerably increased the chances of the adoption of the Constitution by the people, particularly as they propose to pass immediately a special ordinance providing for the exemption from execution and sale for past, present or future debts of a homestead not exceeding $5,000. This ordinance, together with the relief measure which has been already adopted, will undoubtedly secure thousands of white votes for the Constitution.

The report of the Committee on the Legislative Department was taken up instead of that on the Judiciary, as I supposed. Eight sections were adopted without much debate. When the ninth section came up—that which defines the number and composition of the Senatorial Districts—the Convention adjourned, both the majority and the minority being anxious to make up their minds in caucus as to the course to be pursued on this important question. The report as it stands adopts the district system which has hitherto existed, but it is understood that the majority desire to make population and not territory the basis of representation in the Senate and in the House of Representatives; and should this desire prevail, the portion of Georgia where the white population are in majority would lose several Senators and Representatives, and the large and populous counties where the negroes have a large preponderance of numbers would gain several representatives in both branches of the General Assembly. I think it probable that a compromise will be accepted. The Senate will be left as it is—that is, there shall be forty-four districts, composed each of three adjoining counties, from each of which one Senator shall be chosen; and the basis of representation in the House shall be population, as ascertained by the last census.

The Military Commission appointed by Gen. MEADE to investigate the charges of malfeasance in office which were recently preferred against Major BLODGETT and the City Council of Augusta, have made their report, declaring the charges not proven. The following is Gen. MEADE'S letter to the parties who asked for the investigation:

HEADQUARTERS THIRD MILITARY DISTRICT,
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, ALABAMA AND FLORIDA,
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
ATLANTA, Feb. 12, 1868.

To Messrs. H. H. Steiner, Michael Walsh ana others, petitioners, Augusta, Ga.:

GENTLEMEN: Your petition representing mal-administration on the part of the present Mayor and Council of the City of Augusta, Ga., and requesting their removal from office, &c., having been carefully investigated by a Board of Officers instituted for that purpose, who report that the charges presented in your petition have not been proved, I am instructed by the Major-General commanding to say that no further action will be taken in the matter. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, R. C. DRUM,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

It is stated that another negro delegate to the Convention was an inmate of a penitentiary, convicted of horse-stealing. The name of the accused is CHATTERS. It is said that he was a resident of Alabama and that he came direct from prison to be elected in Stewart County, Ga., as a delegate. Dr. BLOUNT, the colleague of CHATTERS, proposes to bring the matter before the Convention, probably to-morrow, and will ask for his expulsion on the grounds that he was convicted of a felony, and that he was not a resident of the State of Georgia.

Col. MELINE, of Gen. MEADE'S staff, has been sent to Alabama to investigate the alleged irregularities in the recent popular vote on the Constitution. The belief is still held that the Constitution has been defeated. STONE MOUNTAIN.

VIRGINIA.

The Reconstruction Convention—Tardiness of Constitution-Making—Mr. Tukey's Pay—The Stenographic Reporter Draws $4,400—Mr. Hunnicutt Snubbed—Demise of the Register, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RICHMOND, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1868.

The Convention has been a very inactive body of late. Delay seems to be the order of the day. For some reason that does not appear on the surface, it is in no hurry to get through with its work. It may be because Virginia is the least secure State for the Radicals, and they want to see which way she is going before they admit her to the Union; or, perhaps, because she was the last to secede it is intended she shall return last, and that we shall be completely belted around with loyalty, without any hope of escape. There is a good deal of surprise felt here that Alabama should have voted against the Constitution, or rather not voted at all. Virginia will not follow her example. One of the most distinguished Conservatives in the city remarked to me yesterday that he feared the Constitution would be carried, as the men of property were tired of the delay, and would vote to accept almost anything or not vote at all. There is a very active feeling abroad that the sooner the State is restored the sooner prosperity will return, as then capital will seek investment here at once, and our State bonds will also go up to par. It will, of course, be a hard dose for the white people to swallow, but then they have got somewhat used to bitter medicines of late years, and can still take a little more.

MR. TUKEY'S PER DIEM.

The entire morning session was consumed in debating whether Mr. TUKEY, who contested the seat of Mr. SOUTHALL, of Albemarle, should be allowed to draw $100 as expenses. EUSTACE GIBSON opposed it very energetically upon principle, as he said, while Judge SNEAD took ground in favor of the ordinance which was introduced by Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Contingent Expenses. In the course of the discussion, Mr. GIBSON said:

The gentleman from Accomac has said that Gen. SCHOFIELD has no power to decide who are eligible to seats in the Convention. Does he mean to say that Gen. SCHOFIELD'S orders are not paramount?

Mr. SNEAD—Does the gentleman believe it true when Gen. SCHOFIELD said that any one who voted for the ordinance of secession was guilty of an act of rebellion?

Mr. GIBSON—When I voted for the ordinance of secession I considered I was guilty of an act of rebellion; but gentlemen on the other side of the House voted for it because they say they were intimidated. The Committee has acted very unfairly in this matter. It has held a midnight, dark lantern session, without notifying the Conservative members. It was unjust.

Dr. BAYNE, (negro,) and MORTON, (ditto,) spoke their speeches on the subject, when Capt. PLATT moved the previous question, on a motion made by EUSTACE GIBSON to recommit, and it was lost—yeas 14, nays 62.

A recess was taken for dinner, and when the Convention assembled again in its afternoon session the ordinance to pay Mr. TUKEY was read a second time. It will, of course, be adopted. It has been discussed about four days of the session, and occupied over a month before the Committee. Five thousand dollars would not cover the expense Mr. TUKEY has been to Virginia.

THE OFFICIAL STENOGRAPHER.

The vexed question of dispensing with the Committee clerks, except those that have not yet reported, was next discussed, and it was decided to dismiss all of them. This led to the introduction of a resolution by Capt. PLATT to dispense with the services of the Stenographer after Saturday, the 15th inst.

Mr. EUSTACE GIBSON desired to know of Mr. PLATT the reason for offering the resolution. He replied that he had received official information to the effect that the Stenographer had drawn $4,400 out of the Treasury for his services.

Astonishment was painted on the countenance of more than one simple-hearted member when this announcement was made. Only to think for the work of a little over a month and a half—$4,400! But it was the fault of the members themselves and not of Mr. SAMUEL, the fortunate short-hand gentleman. If the members would make long speeches, it was certainly his duty to report them, and $3 31½ per printed folio of octavo soon counts up. When next they employ a stenographer it is probable some of the gentlemen of the Convention will consult the multiplication table in some simple book of arithmetic. There was quite a flutter in the House. Mr. WOODSON, Conservative, introduced a resolution to require the stenographer to return the money he had drawn into the Treasury, except the $400 extra.

It was not seconded, and Mr. NICKERSON moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was lost by a vote of 7 to 73.

Mr. BOWDEN then introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the amount of money drawn and the work performed by the reporter.

EUSTACE GIBSON opposed the reference of the matter to a committee. Within the last ten days the reporter had drawn $1,998 out of the Treasury, for which the Convention had nothing to show. All that he had drawn since the first of January had been drawn in advance. The matter ought not to be allowed to go on when it was known that the very man who audited Mr. SAMUEL'S accounts was employed as an assistant by him.

Mr. BOWDEN'S substitute was then lost, as were all other amendments offered, and the vote was taden on Mr. PLATT'S resolution to dispense with Mr. SAMUEL'S services after Saturday, and it was adopted—yeas 54, nays 23.

Having guillotined the clerks, cut off the stenographer's head, and threatened to dismiss the parson for making his prayers too short, at the rate of $20 per week, the Convention adjourned, without having said one word about framing a constitution for Virginia.

RICHMOND, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1868.

This was another day spent in doing very little to the point. The first half-hour was passed in discussings resolution offered by Mr. TEAMOH, (negro,) to expel the reporter of the *Southern Opinion*, who has satirized and caricatured the Radical members very severely ever since the commencement of the session, but the special offence of which he was now accused was using the words "convict" and "pup" in connection with "loyal" and "legal members" of the Convention.

Rev. Mr. HODGES (negro) seconded the resolution. The attack made by the reporter on members was unholy and unjust, and he thought the reporter, whoever he was, ought to be expelled. He wanted to do justice to all men, and to raise his family in the principles of honor, truth and religion.

Mr. PLATT, of Petersburg, (Radical,) was opposed to the expulsion of the reporter. It would be too good an advertisement for that paper. It had placed him at the head of the "black list" in Petersburg, and he was prouder of heading that list than of any other act since he had been connected with the Republican Party.

PETER JONES (negro) wanted the reporters all to remain, for if they had no reporters they wouldn't have any fun. He knew his character to be like Solomon's description of the Church, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." No matter if they did call him a convict, they couldn't prove it on him.

Mr. E. GIBSON came to the rescue of Mr. POLLARD'S reporter, and, on his motion, the matter was indefinitely postponed.

THE STENOGRAPHER AGAIN.

The stenographer was again brought up on account of his extraordinary bill, $4,400, and, after some discussion, a resolution introduced by Mr. BOWDEN to appoint a committee of seven, to inquire what money had been paid and by whom the accounts had been audited, was adopted. Messrs. Bowden, White, E. Gibson, Platt, French, Porter and Nelson were appointed. Mr. PLATT and Mr. THOMAS both said that it was due to the stenographer to state that he had shown an honorable and upright spirit in his whole course of conduct, and that he had also manifested his liberality by offering to report the proceedings up to the 1st of March without further compensation.

EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY.

Mr. PORTER introduced a series of resolutions providing for the appointment of a select committee of five, whose duty it shall be to draft for the proposed Constitution, in such form and language as they may deem most fit and advisable, an article which shall entitle every householder or head of family, in addition to the articles now exempt by law from distress or levy, to hold exempt from levy, seizure or sale, under any execution or other process issued on any demand for any debt heretofore or hereafter contracted, his real and personal property, or either whether heretofore or hereafter acquired, to the value of not exceeding $2,500; provided such exemption shall not extend to diamonds, for the purchase price of the property or any part thereof; for services rendered by a laboring person or mechanic; for taxes, assessment or other public charges accruing since the 2d day of April, 1865; for rent accruing after the 2d day of April, 1865; for liabilities incurred by any public officer, or officer of a court, or any fiduciary, or any attorney at law, for money collected; for sergeants', sheriffs' and clerks' fees accruing since the 2d day of April, 1865. Nor shall such exemptions apply where a lien has been acquired on said property or any part thereof, by a judgment rendered for a debt contracted since the 2d of April, 1865. The property not to be subject to any lien for a debt contracted prior to the 2d of April, 1865, on any judgment heretofore rendered or which may be hereafter rendered. The article to be so framed by the Committee as to preclude any construction which would interfere with the sale of the property by virtue of any mortgage, deed of trust, pledge or other security, or with sales made under the judgments or decrees of courts, in cases where the collection of debts is not the object of said sale. The committee shall also report a clause in the article prohibiting the General Assembly from passing acts to prevent the collection of debts, known as "stay laws," further than may be necessary to fully carry out the provisions of this article. It shall also direct the General Assembly to provide by law for the manner in which the householder or head of family shall set apart and hold for himself and family, out of any real estate he may have, a homestead not exceeding $2,500, which shall be included in the property exempted by this article. The committee shall also prescribe that the provisions of this article shall be construed liberally to the end that all the intents thereof may be fully and perfectly carried out.

The resolution was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Its object would seem to be to allow poor people to repudiate their war debts. The idea of repudiation is all too popular in the State at present, and it is well known that high bids have been made to insure the adoption of the Constitution, provided it makes liberal repudiation principles, and otherwise that it would be defeated. All the white people whose slaves were emancipated are in favor, of course, of invalidating contracts based upon that sort of property, which is property no more forever.

THE RATE OF INTEREST.

Mr. KELSO, negro, introduced a resolution fixing the rate of interest at 8 per cent. where no contract has been made between parties, but allowing contracts to be made for any rate parties may see fit. This has always been a popular movement with the cities and towns in Virginia, but has been invariably opposed and defeated by the agricultural interest, which has generally had the ascendency in the legislatures and conventions of the State. It will be very apt to carry now, however, as the majority are in favor of doing everything possible to encourage capitalists to invest their means in the State.

THE CONVENTION SITS FOR ITS PICTURE.

Mr. HAWKESHURST, whose picture has several times graced the portrait gallery of the *Southern Opinion*, solemnly arose and informed the Convention that there was a photographic artist at the door who was anxious to take the "pictures of the honorable body" as they sat, and he moved that a recess of half an hour be taken that it might be done; but as a majority of the members either did not like the association, or had no desire for such immortality as has been awarded to the Continental Congress and innumerable other great assemblages, the proposition was voted down. At the recess, however, the Radical members took position on the steps of the Capitol and the photograph was taken. It is highly probable that every family in the state will obtain one, have it framed in lacquer work and hung up in the parlor, between the portraits of Gen. LEE and Stonewall JACKSON.

IS MR. HUNNICUTT'S POWER WANING?

Is the all-absorbing topic of Conservative conversation at present. I think there can be no doubt that he has lost his Samsonion locks of strength, and has been turned over to the Philistines. He has not been the same man since EUSTACE GIBSON read that terrible Fredericksburg editorial, wherein he so mercilessly expressed his denunciation of the Baptists and the negroes. The colored population of Virginia principally belong to the Baptist persuasion, and they are jealous of the reputation of their Church; and of course Mr. HUNNICUTT'S enemies have not been idle in the work of stirring them up to mutiny. There is another cause of his declining power. He is growing rich on the Government and the Convention printing, and is consequently becoming Conservative; for men of wealth are generally conservative in their principles; their disgust for the rabble increases with the distention of their purses. He is no longer struggling with poverty—no more does he send around the hat, or wear seedy clothing; his paper has been enlarged to a respectable size; is well filled with Government and Convention advertisements, and he can command as much ready cash as any responsible man in the city. He is, therefore, no longer a "disorganizer or office-seeker," to use his own words, and seems to be preparing for a "change of base," and to return to "his old love of fifteen years ago." He has certainly become quite unpopular with the majority of his party, who have long since grown tired of his arbitrary acts and dictatorial assumptions.

The unkindest cut he has lately received was given to him direct to-day. The report of the Committee on the breach of the privileges of the House by Mr. HUNTER, of Caroline County, in having applied "the lie" to Mr. HUNNICUTT, when the latter classed R. M. S. HUNTER as a traitor, was the order of the day. Mr. PLATT (Radical) moved it be laid upon the table, and it was so ordered by a vote of 64 to 25. The President announced the question as carried, and then HUNNICUTT rose, deeply chagrined, to a privileged question. By the vote just recorded, he considered himself censured by the House; and he considered it equivalent to a declaration that there was no such thing as treason against the Government.

Mr. CLEMENTS called him to order, and stated his point to be that when a gentlemen rose to a privileged question, he had no right to impugn the motives of members of the body for any vote given by them.

The Chair decided the point not well taken, and CLEMENTS appealed. Without taking a vote HUNNICUTT was permitted to proceed, but was immediately called to order by PLATTE, who said the whole question had been settled by the House, and the Richmond gentleman was out of order. The point was sustained by the Chair, and the power of the "friend and hero" was at a heavy discount. He felt the rebuke deeply; for he soon got up and left the House in a rage, with his cane in his hand and a copy of his book under his arm. He is a very irascible being, and is seldom in a good humor, and was most surely out of temper to-day.

THE OYSTER TAX.

Judge SNEAD, who has been raised upon oysters, and ought to know their nature and sympathies and opinion upon bivalvular taxation, called up the order of the day, which was his amendment to the report of the Committee on Finance and Taxation. The first section gives the General Assembly power to have the oyster-beds or planting-grounds surveyed, staked out, and leased at the rate of $5 per acre per annum. The survey is to be made only of the ground lying below low water-mark and not included in any lines patented by the State. The Commissioner of Revenue is to have charge of these surveys, and a map thereof is to be kept in the clerk's office of the several courts of the counties in which lots or planting-grounds may lie, giving the preference in all cases to the persons who may occupy at the time, any such ground. The second section allows the use and occupancy, without charge, of the planting grounds belonging to the State to the proprietors of the land along the shores, bays, and creeks, on condition that they permit free ingress and egress through their lands to the lessees of the State, and allow them to occupy a portion of their shores during the terms of their lease, subject to forfeiture for gross abuse of the privilege. No tax shall be imposed on planted oysters, and no *bona fide* resident of the State shall be precluded from the full enjoyment of any of the rights enjoyed by other citizens of this State in regard to the catching or planting of oysters; nor shall any citizen of the State be prohibited from being concerned or interested with a citizen of any of the United States in the catching or planting of oysters, or in the sale of the same. The Legislature may impose a tax not to exceed that imposed upon other property upon oysters taken from beds or rocks by scoops or dredges. After the reading of the above, the Convention took its usual recess until 4 o'clock, at which hour it reassembled, when Mr. SNEAD spoke at some length in favor of his proposition, which he contended was the only fair and impartial scheme that could be adopted—as it would prove alike just to the poor and to the rich, to the resident and the non-resident.

Mr. WILLIAMS, Conservative, of Amherst, formerly from New-York, opposed the amendment. Dr. BAYNE, who has something to say about everything, and knows all about the oyster, as he was raised in Norfolk, gave an incoherent harangue, and then the Convention adjourned.

SUSPENDED.

The *Register*, the new Radical paper, departed this life on Tuesday while the editor was in Washington endeavoring to secure a small quantity of Government pap to keep it going. He came here from Washington with full assurances of party support; but did not receive a dollar's worth. The expenses of publishing the paper were very heavy, and were borne by a few of his personal friends. While it lived the Republican Party was divided. Judge UNDERWOOD and friends, with nearly all the Convention, sustained HUNNICUTT, obtained for him all the Government and Convention patronage, and had his paper enlarged. A Republican paper cannot possibly be sustained in the South, without Government support. No white person will advertise in one, and the negroes have no use for newspapers. KAPPA.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Arrival of the Steamship Arizona—$1,577,818 in Treasure.

The steamship *Arizona*, which left Aspinwall Feb. 13, arrived at this port yesterday, with the following

TREASURE LIST.

Order	$500,000 00	Lees & Waller	$450,400 00
A. Belmont & Co.	231,223 09	L. Von Hoffman & Co.	100,000 00
Wells, Fargo & Co.	69,623 80	Eugene Kelly & Co.	66,100 00
Dabney, Morgan & Co.	65,490 53	Morris Meyer	53,785 66
Panama R.R. Co.	23,727 46		
W. Schall & Co.	7,251 94		

FROM ASPINWALL.

Ribon & Munoz	7,457 00	S. L. Isaacs & Asch	2,200 00
Total			$1,577,818 88

Outrage upon an American Whaleship—Movements of United States Vessels.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PANAMA, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1868.

An outrage on the United States whaleship *Hannah Grant*, on the coast of Venezuela, will attract the attention of the Government at Washington. It appears that this vessel made the coast of the Peninsula of Paranagua, in the State of Coro, where there are no Eastern houses. The Captain sent a boat on shore for supplies, but the men were seized by the coast guard, and were not, on strenuous efforts on the part of the Captain, delivered up to him, but he was obliged to leave without them. He went into Kingston, Jamaica, to represent the case to Mr. GREGG, the Consul, and to procure a war-vessel to go to the coast and deliver his men. It is probable a gunboat from St. Thomas will soon be found on the Venezuelan coast to look into the matter.

The British steamer from Southampton, with passengers for Callao and the South and Central American Coast, arrived at Aspinwall to-day, four or five days behind time. But this is nothing unusual with this failing Company.

The Panama Railroad Company's steamer *Guatemala*, which should have left this port for Central America, has not yet sailed, and will probably be kept here two or three days longer on account of an accident to her machinery.

The United States gun-boat *Suwannee* is in port. The gunboat *Marblehead* has gone to sea on a short trip. The health of the officers and crews of both ships is excellent. The British frigate *Phoebe* is at Aspinwall.

THE LIEDERKRANZ BALL.

The Pomp and Circumstance of Carnival—Scenes at the Academy of Music Last Night.

The Liederkranz ball is over. Last night the Society achieved another triumph, added another to the pleasant memories they have made for us. It were enough, perhaps, to say for the success of the affair that it lacked no charm that graced the most applauded of its predecessors; but that were hardly enough. Skill comes with practice and taste in all things develops with the time. This was seen in the perfect management of every detail of the ball last night, in the absence of confusion even when the crowd was greatest, owing to the ubiquity of Liederkranz with a badge of office, and on the other hand in the absence of the broad burlesque and coarser humor present in earlier exhibitions, and the presence in its stead of the evidences of a humor more refined and by no means less effective. The attendance was of course a large one, the house was filled to overflowing.

THE SCENE.

In no particular, perhaps, did the happy *genii* of the carnival more distinguian themselves than in the erection of this palace of a night. The scene presented to the spectators when the radiance of a thousand gas jets fell upon it was one suggestive of emotions strangely mingled. Admiration of the scenic effect in turn gave way to, and in turn took place of, the enjoyments of a more lively kind, awakened by the quaint grotesqueness of the tenants of the domain of elf-land. The stage was overhung by an azure canopy, in the centre of which, as in mid-heaven, floated the symbolic lyre. On either side, from the outer edge of the proscenium for some distance inward, curiously ornamented pillasters divided the spaces into panels. Each of these was occupied by a figure illustrating some folly in the world of fashion. Overtopping these, evergreens were intertwined through which glimpses of the blue above were seen, admirably suggestive of sky and foliage. Through this, half-arbor, half-vestibule, the approach to the temple of Prince Carnival and to the fairy land beyond was made. The temple itself was a resplendent thing, graceful in form and fanciful in ornamentation, as we would presume to be the residence of Prince Carnival. Along the entire expanse of front a balcony extended, from which rose to the fretted roof pillars of burnished gold. From the entablature fell, turning with each other, long wreaths and trails of flowers. Over the centre arch, begirt by cloudy forms, glittering in spangles, stood the masked and neat-limbed Harlequin, with wand upraised to strike. To his right stood the melancholy Pantaloon, the but of all his blows and to his left stood Clown grinning from ear to ear and saying with that grin as plain as ever paint and pasteboard said it—"Here we are." At his palace door the Prince himself bade welcome to the guests. In all most gorgeous, in his highness' wardrobe sat the monarch astride a barrel of the freshest lager. Long flights of steps on either side led to the palace entrance. From the baustrades of this stairway arose at intervals the pedestals upon which stood figures of the muses, each bearing aloft a torch of flame, and in oval panels in the pediment of the balcony were alto relievos emblematic of the four great divisions of the world. Europe being represented by a pale face with yellow trimmings, much teeth and a low forehead, with hair parted in the middle, probably intended as immediately typical of the Anglo-Saxon race and its "hoddities;" Asia by the turbaned Turk that scorned the world and strutted about with his whiskers curled; Africa by a gentleman of color, to whom the extremest Radical of them all would hesitate to extend the franchise, and America by an elderly person, very much sunburnt, with a ring in his nose, a feather in his hair, gory lines traversing his visage and a scalping lock in his eye. In the extreme and dreamy distance lay the palace gardens, groves of flowers, fountains, arbors, statues and cascade—a vision of the land of Mab, which the excited fancy peopled with the myriad forms of her shadowy world.

Long before the hour at which the super-fashionable could be expected, every available seat in the dress circle and in the family circle was occupied by those who came rather to see than to be seen. By 11 o'clock the house was crammed. Cram is the only word to convey even an approximate idea of its condition. When the floor was cleared for the processionists, necessarily one-third of those present were excluded from a view of the pageant, to the disappointment of many hundred fair ones, notwithstanding the best efforts of their gallants.

THE PROCESSION.

This was a tremendous affair, to say it was gorgeous, or sublime, or impressive, or to try to convey an idea of its character by any of those common adjectives in daily use would be to fail most lamentably. As TENNYSON says: "Things seen are greater than things heard." No pen-and-ink sketch of the scene could give the life of it.

The costumes of all races and of all the centuries since the Pharaohs the motley crowd was wrapped. It approached in the following order, passing out from the gates of the palace of Prince Carnival:

First Division—Floor Committee, costumed *à la Richelieu*; Lobby Committee, each of whom was clad in sample clothing of the period of Maria di Medici, accompanied by Halberdiers in Swiss toggery, done up in fine style by the celebrated Siollwerk. Wagner's Brass Band of the future. (Liszt to its soothing strains!) Grand entry of the distinguished colored gemman, of high African descent, who has got himself into hot water in consequence of an attempted flirtation with Queen Victoria, Theodorus, accompanied by a newspaper correspondent and suite. The captives, in charge of a score of undersized dwarfs. Following Theodorus came Andrew Johnson, evidently doing honest work for the common good. Seated on a tailor's board, he gathered in his rents industriously. George Francis Train habited like a high-pressure locomotive, dragging in his wake a thousand or so Corkonians. The Pope and his protectors followed next; these were very numerous, but evidently weak-kneed supporters. The Queen of Spain, Louis Napoleon and his boy, and peasants in arms.

Second Division—The second division was comically led by the flock of patented geese, discovered at the Paris Exposition, followed by the Floor Committee, also appropriately feathered in their Sunday clothes. These were but a vanguard to the grand army which followed Louis Julius Cæsar Napoleon, a dignitary whose appearance recalled to many in the nightmares which followed in the sleep which followed supper. Next came the Grand Turk, supported by his harem and escorted by the Bagdad Zouaves and the Constantinople Common Council of Many Tails. Next the King of Prussia astride the back of a Grenadier, popularly supposed to be running himself out of breath "for King and Fatherland."

Third Division—Men, women, and other odd-and-end things at the Paris Exposition; standard bearer displaying the North German flag; seventeen drummers and horn-blowers; prize music in Paris, a brilliant affair on tin whistles, with a show of poodle dogs in Prussian uniform and helmets; after which twelve halberdiers, followed by Krupp's cannon. In the foreground the French boundary post appeared to have been pierced by a hot shot, Louis Napoleon showing a disturbed visage. The Masquerade Committee, tolerably well disguised, next showed themselves. Ten monks and six harlequins, performing several highly operatic airs on champagne-bottles which they had carefully emptied, bearing aloft the trophies of folly and noisily surrounding the triumphal street car of Prince Carnival, who occupies a reserved seat on the globe as the undisputed ruler of the world. Before him in his carriage, the head of Saturn, enjoying a huge repast composed of the dethroned German Princes. Finale—Louis Napoleon, (Threeeyed Nap.,) crowned with a costly set of donkey ears, in consideration of his being the biggest humbug of his age, and Johnson the First wildly proclaimed Emperor.

When the floor was again cleared, this time the processionists giving way to the spectators, dancing began with vigor, and the scene took upon it the fullness of joyous life. When that dancing ended we know not, for such was the eagerness with which the masked and the barefaced went into it, it would not surprise us to know that the merry-footed are at it yet.

Capt. BRACKETT, *plus quam* perfection in his office at such places, had charge of the carriage business, which was conducted faultlessly. Capt. CAMERON was in charge within doors.

Thoroughfares for the City.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

There is now no one adequate thoroughfare in the town part of our City. There ought to be two, one on each side of Broadway. But it is conceded by public opinion that one, at least, should be opened from the Battery to Washington-square, through Laurens-street.

My object now is to propose that this opening shall be one hundred and fifty feet wide. Let the western line of Laurens-street be extended to the middle line of that block. Let the route through West Broadway and Greenwich-street be opened to the same measure of width. This great thoroughfare, (West Broadway,) starting from Battery-place and everywhere accessible to the thronging passengers on Broadway, from Bleecker-street upward may branch into any or all of the up-town avenues, and at last taper off into the Fifth.

The future currents in and out of such a reservoir will work channels we do not dream of.

When the damage comes to be assessed upon the property taken, it will be found, as buildings must be paid for at any rate, that it will cost but little more to pay for every full lot than it would to pay for the fifty feet on which they stand. It is a wise economy, too, to buy the whole rather than half an improved lot sold upon an appraisement.

It the route must be desecrated by a railway, so much the more will space be required.

Do this work and the value of down-town property will be retained; the present localities and convenience of business will be protected. Without some suitable approach its princely palaces may, some day, rent as cheaply as any in Venice or at Rome.

The Erie Canal has built one end of the City, without relief, beyond reach of the other. The Pacific Railroad, if it cannot force us toward the Harlem River, must spread our store-houses over the marshes of the Jersey shore.

If the public approves this project, it certainly condemns the Church-street extravagances. Here are materials for a bargain. Let it be to adopt the one and to abandon the other. G. M. W.

A Lodging-House for the Homeless in the Thirteenth Ward.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Childrens' Aid Society, in view of the terrible destitution and homelessness of the poor this Winter, have resolved, if means be supplied, to open a new lodging-house for homeless boys, similar to the News Boy's Lodging-house, which has accomplished so much good for this destitute class. They will open it in a ward where much poverty prevails and where there are many houseless children—the Thirteenth, near Corlear's Hook.

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OFFICE OF

HONEY BROOK COAL COMPANY,

No. 209 Walnut-st.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12, 1868.

The annual meeting of stockholders and election for Directors of the Company will be held at this office on WEDNESDAY, 26th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

S. McHENRY, Secretary.

UNITED STATES TREASURY.

FEB. 17, 1868.

☞ Schedules of (30) thirty or more coupons, due March 1, 1868, will now be received for examination at the U. S. Treasury.

H. H. VAN DYCK,

Assistant Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—NOTICE is hereby given to the stockholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company that a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been this day declared upon the preferred common stock of this Company, payable at the office of Messrs. M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 12 Pine-st., New-York, on the 2d day of March next. Stockholders of said stock, who may be registered as such at the close of business hours on the 15th inst.

The transfer books will be closed on the 17th inst., and reopened for transfers on the 3d day of March next.

WM. LARRABEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Feb. 17, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK and bondholders of this Company for the election of Directors and such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of said Company, in the City of Pittsburg, on the third WEDNESDAY (18th) of March, A. D. 1868, at 10 A. M.

The stock and bond transfer-books of the Company at their office in the City of Pittsburgh and at the Transfer Agency in the City of New-York, will be closed on the 2d day of March, at 2 P. M., and remain closed until the 19th day of March thereafter.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES LIFE INS. CO., IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, No. 40 WALL-ST.,

NEW-YORK, Feb. 19, 1868.

ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for ten Directors of this Company, and for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at this office on MONDAY, the 2d day of March proximo, between the hours of 12 o'clock Noon and 1 o'clock P. M. By order

NICHOLAS DEGROOT, Secretary.

ISLE ROYALE MINING COMPANY, No. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE,

NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Company for the election of Directors and the transaction of any other business, will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1868, at 3 o'clock.

F. W. CAPEN, Secretary.

PRESTON COAL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, No. 205½ WALNUT-ST.,

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 4, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company, at which time an election will be held for Directors for the ensuing year.

H. F. RUTTER, Secretary.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 23 BROAD-ST., COR. EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 18, 1868.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Bank held this day, at the banking rooms, Mr. JNO. S. DICKINSON was unanimously elected President, in place of Mr. D. L. Ross, deceased.

NO. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECtors for the New-York and Virginia Steamship Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 29 Broad-st., on TUESDAY, 3d March, 1868, between the hours of 12 noon and 2 o'clock P. M. The transfer books are closed until after the election.

G. HEINEKEN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK FLOATING DRY-DOCK COMPANY, No. 224 South-st., Feb. 20, 1868.—An election for nine directors and three inspectors of election will be held at Botanic Hall, 68 East Broadway, on TUESDAY, March 3, next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 2 o'clock P. M. By order

H. H. MASON, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Redwood Lead, Mining and Smelting Company, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 62 William-st., on TUESDAY, March 3, at 1 P. M.

A. W. WRIGHT, Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL OCEAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY (CUBA LINE) Tobacco Preferred Stock wanted by GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.

FINANCIAL.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.

F. S. WINSTON, President.

FEB. 1, 1868.

Net assets, Jan. 31, 1867...		$17,699,296 97
Receipts.		
For premiums and annuities...	$6,857,286 31	
Interest...	1,346,611 50	
Rents...	67,180 00	$10,173,047 61
Total...		$27,812,344 58
Disbursements.		
Claims by death...	$914,537 78	
Claims on endowments matured...	36,300 00	
Cash dividends to policies...	2,317,114 05	
Surrendered policies...	256,687 35	
Annuities...	14,678 68	
Commissions and commutations of future commissions...	925,637 32	
Exchange, postage, advertising, printing and stationery...	116,630 10	
Medical examiners, salaries and law expenses...	241,965 91	
Taxes and sundry office expenses...	106,921 87	
Office rent sinking fund...	20,000 00—	$5,149,892 44
Net assets, Feb. 1, 1868...		$22,662,452 14
Invested as follows:		
Cash on hand and in bank...	$1,5 4,770 92	
Bonds and mortgages...	15,176,945 67	
Government stocks...	5,003,119 75	
Real estate...	937,835 12	
Balances due from agents...	35,791 72—	$22,662,452 14
Add:		
Interest accrued but not due...	$173,113 00	
Interest due and unpaid...	4,252 45	
Value of future commissions commuted as above...	847,265 11	
Premiums deferred semi-annual and quarterly...	1,045,868 53	
Premiums due (principally for policies issued in December and January)...	386,735 63	
Market value of stocks in excess of cost...	499,942 60—	2,956,867 41
Gross assets Feb. 1, 1868...		$25,319,319 55
Increase in net cash assets for the year...		5,623,1.8 17
The Assets are thus Appropriated,		
Net reserve at 4 per cent. interest for re-insurance...		
For policies...	$14 824 225 79	
Dividend additions...	7,188,059 88	
Total reserve...	$22,012,285 67	
Claims by death, including additions unpaid (not yet due)...	123,055 81	
Premiums paid in advance...	45,465 24	
Dividend of 1868, cash value...	2,370,317 86	
Undivided surplus on basis of 4 per cent...	767,684 90	
Total...	$26,319,319 55	
Total number of policies issued during the year...		19,460
Amount insured thereon...		$62,252,606
Number of deaths during the year...		301
Amount insured thereon...		$871,200
Policy and Risk Account.		
Life policies—Annual payments...	31,904 00	100,204,703 00
Ten payments...	7,687 00	30,796,125 00
Five payments...	295 00	1,64,,000 00
Paid up...		515,e91 00
Re-issues...	25,624 00	63,000 00
Endowments—Annual payments...	8,377 00	26,048,116 00
Ten payments...	3,348 00	13,456,784 00
Five payments...	34 00	2,0,3,0 00
Paid up...	86 00	144,320 00
Irregular...	197 00	654,000 00
Children's endowments...	144 00	153,300 00
Survivorship annuities (annual...	59 00	18,350 00
Life annuities (annual)...	63 00	17,732 50
Total...	52,584 00	$172,878,421 50
Dividend additions in force...	15,123,457 12	
Dividend additions for dividend of 1863...	5,320,110 74	20,443,467 86
Total number and amount of policies in force...	52,584 00	194,321,889 36

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SAMUEL D. BABCOCK,	EZRA WHEELER,
WM. H. APPLETON,	S. L. HUSTED,
WM. MOORE,	SAM. D. BABCOCK,
R. L. MCURDY,	DAVID HOADLEY,
ISAAC G. PEARSON,	HENRY A. SMYTHE,
MARTIN BATES,	WM. V. BRADY,
WM. BETTS, LL. D.	WM. E. DODGE,
JOHN WADSWORTH,	GEO. S. COLES,
ALFRED EDWARDS,	WM. M. VERMILYE,
OLIVER H. PALMER,	JOHN. E. DEVELIN,
SAM. E. SPROULL,	WILLINGTON CLAPP,
SAM. M. CORNELL,	ALONZO CHILD,
LUCIUS ROBINSON,	HENRY E. DAVIES,
W. SMITH BROWN,	RICHD A. MCCURDY,
MICHAEL SEAMAN,	FRANCIS B. CUTTING,
WM. H. POPHAM,	J. ELLIOT CONDICT,
WM. A. HAINES,	JAMES C. HOLDEN,
	HUGH N. CAMP.

RICHARD A. MCCURDY, Vice-President.
SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.
JOHN M. STUART, Secretary. ASSISTANT Actuary,
FRED. SCHROEDER, Asst. Secretary.

WELLINGTON CLAPP, } Counsel.
HON. LUCIUS ROBINSON, }
HON. HENRY E. DAVIES, }

MINTURN POST, M.D., } Medical Examiners.
C. A. LAMBERT, M.D., }

MICHIGAN SECURITIES WANTED.—Michigan State 6s, Detroit City 7s, Michigan State 6s, Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad First and Second Mortgage Bonds. A. WILKINS, Stock Broker, Detroit.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE—DIVIDEND-paying stocks for merchandise. Address Box No. 3,877 Post-office, New-York.

DIVIDENDS.

SIXTEENTH DIVIDEND.

THE GEBHARD FIRE INSURANCE CO. NO. 141 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL...	$200,000 00
SURPLUS...	57,023 46
	$257,023 46
LOSSES UNPAID...	3,350 00
ASSETS...	$254,773 46

NEW-YORK, Jan. 30, 1868.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on and after MONDAY, Feb. 3, 1868, free of Government tax.

JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

IRVING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 9 WALL-ST.

CASH CAPITAL...	$300,000 00
CASH SURPLUS...	106,016 56
Nett Assets, Feb. 1, 1868...	$306,016 56

NEW-YORK, Feb. 3, 1868.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT. and the GOVERNMENT TAX, payable on demand.

MARTIN L. CROWELL, President.

JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.

A dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on demand, at No. 122 Bowery.

WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD, TREASURER'S OFFICE,

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 10, 1868.

DIVIDEND.—AT THE MEETING OF THE Board of Directors of this Company, held Feb. 7, 1868, at Memphis, Tenn., a dividend of Three Per Cent. was declared on the capital stock, payable on Monday, March 15 prox., at the Office of the Treasurer, to those registered at New-York.

The transfer books will close on the 1st day of March and reopen on the 15th inst.

GEO. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE STERLING FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 155 BROADWAY,

NEW-YORK, Feb. 12, 1868.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has this day been declared by the Directors, payable on the 14th inst.

A. L. SOULARD, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANKS.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK.

Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of LAIGHT, OPEN DAILY from 10 to 3 o'clock.

Six per cent. interest, free of tax, on $5 to $5,000.

ASSETS, $4,546,850 07.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK—8TH-AV. corner of 14th-st. Six per cent. interest, free of tax, paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before March 1 will draw interest from March 1.

R. H. MACLAY, President.

S. S. CONSTANT, Vice-President.

R. H. BULL, Secretary.

FURNITURE.

WARREN WARD & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF FURNITURE, Established 1850.

Warehouses, Nos. 75 and 77 Spring-st., corner of Crosby. Manufactory, No. 379 West 12th-st., extending through to No. 150 Jane-st.

Buyers of furniture are invited to examine the largest stock of fashionable furniture to be found in this City, consisting of PARLOR, LIBRARY AND DINING-CHAMBER, ROOM SUITES OF OUR OWN MANUFACTURE, AND VARIOUS STYLES IN EVERY RESPECT.

Particular attention given to the furnishing of CHURCHES, COUNTRY RESIDENCES, HOTELS, &c.

HARDWARE.

TRUSS HOOPS AND COOPERS' TOOLS.

Adapted to the CUBAN and WEST INDIA TRADE, at LITTLE'S HARDWARE STORE, No. 59 Fulton-st., between Cliff and Gold, east of Broadway.

CAST STEEL OIL-TEMPERED SPRINGS.—Elliptic and side springs, made of cast steel and tempered in oil by WM. & HARVEY ROWLAND, No. 948 Beach-st., Philadelphia. Established 1842.

MACHINERY.

BOILERS FOR SALE.—TWO SECOND-hand Cornish boilers, six feet diameter by twenty-seven feet long, for sale cheap. Apply to CURTIS & SHAPTER, Nos. 209 and 211 Franklin-st.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

CARRIAGES—GREAT BARGAINS.—NOW ON hand several new carriages, on consignment, that will be offered at great bargains; also, several second-hand carriages, 1,000 sets harness. JOSEPH WYETT, carriage depot, No. 638 Broadway.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION ORIGINATED the anæsthetic use of nitrous oxide gas administer it in the manner most approved by the medical profession, do hereby put EXTRACT TEETH, and they certainly do that WITHOUT PAIN—no 20,000 patients testify. See their names at the office, No. 19 Union Square.

AUCTION SALES.

LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers.

BOOK TRADE SALEROOMS AND ART GALLERIES, CLINTON HALL, ASTOR-PLACE.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 21, at 7 o'clock.

Catalogue of a large collection of miscellaneous books, fresh stock; also, Bibles, Prayer-books, &c., &c.; a large quantity of stationery, being balance of a retail stock. Also, two silver-plated glass show-cases, two office desks.

REV. DR. TAYLOR'S LIBRARY.

MONDAY, FEB. 24, and following days, at 7 o'clock P. M.

THE PRIVATE LIBRARY of the late THOMAS HOUSE TAYLOR, D. D., for many years Rector of Grace Church, comprising a large and select assortment of books in the various departments of literature, principally Theology, among which will be found some very valuable books.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF PROPERTY ON 9TH-ST. AND EAST BROADWAY.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York, by order of ELLIS L. PRICE, executor of KITTY ANN PRICE, deceased:

9TH-ST.—The handsome first-class extra-wide four-story brick high-stoop house and lot, No. 57 9th-st., north side, between 5th and 6th avs.; house is 26.2x84 feet, and extension to rear of the lot, in good order, and frescoed throughout; has all the conveniences, and a bow window on parlor floor; 26.2x3.3; 74 feet.

EAST BROADWAY—The valuable two-story and attic brick house and lot, No. 184 East Broadway, between Canal and Jefferson sts.; house, 23.6x33 feet, in good order; lot, 26x70 feet. Possession May 1, 1868.

Two-thirds of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage.

Maps at the auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st.

FIFTY-NINTH AUCTION SALE.

50,000 TONS SCRANTON COAL, ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, 1868.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company will sell, by Messrs. JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., Auctioneers, at the Company's sales room, No. 26 Exchange-place, corner of William-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, at 12 o'clock, noon,

50,000 TONS

of coal from the Lackawanna regions, of the usual sizes, deliverable at their depot, Elizabethport, N. J., during the month of March, 1868.

TERMS—Fifty cents per ton, payable in current funds, on the day of sale, and the balance within ten days thereafter, if required, at the office of the Company.

SAMUEL SLOAN, President.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF DWELLING Houses on Greenwich-st., between Charles and Perry sts.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity building,) New-York, by order of Samuel J. Harriott, executor of Joseph B. Harriott, deceased:

GREENWICH-ST., No. 721.—Valuable two-story attic and basement brick house, 18.9x38 feet; lot 84.3½ feet; house leased for four years from May 1, 1868, at $750 per annum and repairs.

GREENWICH-ST., No. 727.—Valuable two-story attic and basement brick houses, running back to rear of the lot; size, 29 feet front, 33 feet rear by 94 feet; possession May 1st, 1868. One-third of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage.

Maps at the auctioneer's office, No. 3 Pine-st.

ISLE ROYAL MINING COMPANY, No. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1868.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT all shares in the Isle Royal Mining Company, advertised for sale Feb. 15, 1868, on account of non-payment of assessment of $5.30 per share, due Sept. 19, 1867, except such shares as have been paid up, and such shares as shall be paid up previous to Feb. 26, will be sold at auction, under postponement, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, at No. 44 Exchange-place, by D. M. Seaman, Auctioneer, without further postponement. By order of Directors

F. W. CAPEN, Treasurer.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

DESIRABLE LOTS ON 1ST AND 3D AVS., AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO., will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York, by order of the Administratrix of the estate of James Furey, Esq., deceased.

1ST-AV.—2 lots on the northeasterly corner of 1st-av. and 57th-st., the transfer of any property to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him or for his use; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 7 Beekman-st., corner of Nassau-st., Rooms Nos. 3 and 4, in the City of New-York, before Mr. James F. Dwight, Register, on the 26th day of March, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 20, 1868.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Saleroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office, New-York.

HENRY D. MINER WILL SELL AT AUCTION on SATURDAY, Feb. 22, at 10½ o'clock, at his saleroom, No. 37 Nassau-st.

A general assortment of household furniture, removed for convenience of sale. Particulars in time.

LARGE SALE OF IRON, WAGONS AND QUARTERMASTER STORES.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1868.

Will be sold at auction, under the supervision of Brevet Col. A. P. Blunt, A. Q. M., at Lincoln Depot, on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, 1868, at 12 o'clock M., a lot of serviceable Quartermaster property, consisting in part of:

245,727 lbs. assorted Iron, new...	30 Ambulances.
1,000 kegs Horse-shoes.	5 Office Wagons.
500 kegs Mule-shoes.	3 two-horse Wagons.
850 lbs. Cast Steel.	4 Iron Safes.
2,080 lbs. Sheet Lead.	6 Corn Mills.
255 sets wheel-mule Harness.	29 Ambulance Wheels.
868 sets head-mule Harness.	Veterinary and other Horse Medicines, &c., &c.
300 Army Wagons,	

together with 11 Horses and 4 Mules, rated as unserviceable.

TERMS—Cash, in Government funds.

Catalogues will be furnished upon application. Purchases must be removed in six days from date of sale.

By order of the Quartermaster-General,

J. C. McFERRAN, Deputy Quartermaster-General, Brevet Brig.-Gen., U. S. A.

UNITED STATES QUARTERMASTER AND ORDNANCE STORES

At Private Sale,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Mule, ambulance, artillery, plow and truck harness, reins, mule and horse collars, McClellan artillery and valise saddles and bridles, halters, surcingles, double lines, horse blankets, leggins, tents, wall and wedge tents, army clothing, muskets, rifles, pistols, &c. A. HITCHCOCK, Agent, No. 48 Dey-st.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT under and by virtue of a certain instrument of indenture, dated the sixth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, made and entered into between EDWARD E. COLLINS, JAMES BROWN, ELISHA RIGGS, WILLIAM E. METMORE and STEWART BROWN, of the first part; PROSPER M. METMORE, of the second part, and the United States of America, by JOHN Y. MASON, Secretary of the Navy of the United States, of the third part, and for the purpose of obtaining repayment of the sum of one hundred and fifteen thousand and five hundred dollars, being the amount of the instalments, bonds and advance due, unpaid and unrefunded to the United States, with interest thereon from the twentieth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, will on the first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, at 12 o'clock at noon, sell at the Merchants' Exchange, at the City of New-York, at public auction, for cash, the steamship *Atlantic*, her tackle, apparel, &c.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, April 18, 1863.

The above sale having been postponed from time to time to this date, it is hereby again postponed until THURSDAY, October 20, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, October 20, 1864.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, January twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, November 30, 1864.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, March twenty-three, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, January 26, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, April twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, March 23, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, May twenty-four, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, April 26, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, June twenty-eight, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, May 24, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till WEDNESDAY, August twenty-three, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, June 28, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, October twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, August 23, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, December twenty-eight, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, October 26, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, March twenty-nine, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1865.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, May thirty-one, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, March 20, 1866.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, July twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, May 31, 1866.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, October twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, July 26, 1866.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, December twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, Oct. 25, 1866.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, January third, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1866.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, March twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1867.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, May thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, March 28, 1867.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, August twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at the same hour and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, May 30, 1867.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, December twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, at the same time and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 29, 1867.

The above sale is postponed till THURSDAY, March twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, at the same time and place.

PROSPER M. METMORE, Trustee.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.

AUCTION SALES.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY F. R. MINTURN, BROWN & CO.

THIS DAY, (FRIDAY,) Feb. 21, at 11 o'clock, within the store:

1,500 packages Malaga Raisins, stained.
25 barrels Currants.
350 boxes Valencia Raisins.

At 12½ o'clock, on Pier No. 8 East River:

3.5% boxes fresh Sicily Oranges.
964 boxes fresh Sicily Lemons.
Cargo bark *Sandro*, from Palermo.

ROBERT SOMERVILLE, AUCTIONEER,

of the late firm of MINER & SOMERVILLE, No. 39 Nassau-st. and No. 82 5th-av.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

LARGE AND VALUABLE STOCK OF HOUSE-FURNISHING ARTICLES, AT THE "BERRIAN WAREROOMS," NO. 681 BROADWAY, NEARLY OPPOSITE THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL.

Will sell by auction, without reserve, the large and valuable stock of house-furnishing articles at the "Berrian Warerooms," No. 681 Broadway, nearly opposite the Metropolitan Hotel, commencing on THURSDAY, Feb. 20, at 10½ o'clock, and continued each day until the whole of this extensive stock is disposed of. Among an immense number of other articles are the following, viz.:

Plated and Bronze Urns,	Toilet Sets, Bronzed Tea-kettles,	Tool Chests, Meat Safes,
Plated Tea Sets,	Bronzed Urns,	Tables,
Cake Baskets,	Vegetable Dishes,	Fire Sets,
Butter Dishes,	Copper and Brass Kettles,	Fancy Steps, Step-Ladders,
Liqueur Stands,	Cuspidors,	Brooms & Brushes,
Egg Stands,	Fancy Chairs,	Knives and Forks,
Trays,	Plate Warmers,	Plated Knives and Forks,
Toast Racks,	Meat Dishes,	Forks,
Japan Trays,	Dish Covers,	Fire Irons,
Coal Vases,	Ivory Cork Screws,	Bird Cages, &c., &c.

Pedestals, Bronzed Ornaments, Pocket-books, Pocket-knives, Porcelain Jars, Porcelain Dishes, Pitchers, Bronzed Figures, Porcelain Figures, Porcelain Vases, Porcelain Ornaments, Porcelain Tea Sets, Porcelain Dinner Sets, Porcelain Breakfast Sets, Porcelain Toilet Sets, Porcelain Fruit Sets, Porcelain Ice Cream Sets, Porcelain Game Sets, Porcelain Chocolate Sets, Porcelain Coffee Sets, Porcelain Tea Sets, Porcelain Cake Sets, Porcelain Dessert Sets, Porcelain Salad Sets, Porcelain Oyster Sets, Porcelain Lemonade Sets, Porcelain Wine Sets, Porcelain Punch Sets, Porcelain Jelly Sets, Porcelain Custard Sets, Porcelain Pudding Sets, Porcelain Pie Sets, Porcelain Cream

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

PALMYRA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26
OUBA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 4
AUSTRALASIAN leaves .....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 11
RUSSIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 18
SIBERIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 25
JAVA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, April 1

Chief cabin passage.....$150
Second cabin passage..... 80
TO PARIS.
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Payable in gold.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
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CUNARD LINE OF EXTRA STEAMERS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY
TRIPOLI.....Feb. 26
ALEPPO.....March 4.

RATES OF PASSAGE:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.
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STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.—CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, under contract with the United States Government for carrying the Mails.
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY..Feb. 22
CITY OF WASHINGTON (via Halifax).....Feb. 24
CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY..Feb. 29
CITY OF ANTWERP.....SATURDAY..Mar. 7
ETNA (via Halifax).....MONDAY.....Mar. 9
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And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate MONDAY, at 1 P. M., from Pier No. 45 North River.

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PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$30
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THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
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ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
NAPOLEON III.....ROUSSAN.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, Mar. 21
VILLE DE PARIS.SURMONT.....SATURDAY, April 4

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine.)
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $160; $140; second cabin, $85.
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including railway tickets, furnished on board,
First cabin, $180 or $145; second cabin, $98.
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American travelers going to or returning from the continent of Europe, by the steamers of this line, avoid unnecessary risks from transit by English railways and crossing the channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
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Passengers are requested to be on board at 12 o'clock.

SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.
FURTHER REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.
Favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE sail every SATURDAY with passengers for
LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND DERRY.
IOWA, HEDDERWICK, SATURDAY, Feb. 22.
BRITANNIA, LAIRD, SATURDAY, Feb. 29.
HIBERNIA, MUNRO, SATURDAY, March 7.

From Pier No. 20 North River, as follows.
Rates of passage, payable in currency:
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THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,
Via Panama or Nicaragua.
Will dispatch their new and splendid steamships from New-York, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot Warren-st., at noon, at lower rates than by any other line.
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FEB. 15, 1868—Steamship FULTON, connecting with steamship OREGONIAN.
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Passage to London direct, $110, $75 and $30 currency. Excursion tickets at reduced rates available for six months.
WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGS, from New-York, Feb. 22.
ATALANTA, Capt. PINKHAM, from New-York, Mar. 7.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, March 21.
CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, April 4.
The elegant British iron steamship WM. PENN will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London direct, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
For passage apply to ROBERT N. CLARK, No. 2 Broadway.
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The following FIRST-CLASS IRON STEAMSHIPS, built expressly for the New-York trade, are appointed to sail regularly between NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, calling at QUEENSTOWN, viz.:
MANHATTAN, MINNESOTA,
COLORADO, NEBRASKA,
with other first-class steamers building. To sail:
NEBRASKA.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12
MINNESOTA.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19
MANHATTAN.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

From Pier No. 37 East River.
Cabin, (the accommodations being equal to any Atlantic steamer,) $80, gold; return tickets, $160, gold; in steerage, $25, currency.
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THE NATIONAL LINE.
Steamers weekly to Liverpool and Queenstown, leaving Pier No. 47 North River, every SATURDAY
DENMARK, THOMSON.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
HELVETIA, CUTTING.....SATURDAY, Feb. 29
PENNSYLVANIA, HALL.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
FRANCE, GRACE.....SATURDAY, Mar. 14
Cabin passage, $100, currency.
Steerage passage, $25, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 in currency.
Steerage tickets from Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Havre, $40 in currency.
For further particulars apply at the offices of the Company, Nos. 57 and 27 Broadway, or No. 75 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND BY STEAMSHIP AND SAILING PACKET, AT REDUCED RATES.
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UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Feb. 22.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. B. BLOCUM, March 23.
MERRIMACK, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, April 23.
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UNITED STATES MAIL, FOR HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
SAILING REGULARLY EVERY THURSDAY AT 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4, North River.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. J. VAN RICE, via Nassau, Feb. 27.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS, March 5.
For freight or passage, apply to
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UNITED STATES MAIL TO MEXICO.
FOR SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
The elegant sidewheel steamship ALABAMA will sail as above from Pier No. 5 East River, on SATURDAY, Feb. 29, at 3 P. M.
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Comprising the first-class steamships
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GEN. MEADE.....Capt. A. W. SAMPSON
The steamship
GENERAL MEADE,
Capt. A. W. SAMPSON,
Will be dispatched on SATURDAY, Feb. 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 12 North River.
Freight received at through rates for Mobile and Galveston.
For freights or passage, having superior accommodations,
Apply to the agent,
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No. 40 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT—THE CROMWELL LINE.—Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9, N. R., at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
GEORGE WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, Feb. 22.
For freight or passage apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., Agents, No. 86 West-st.

BALTIMORE AND HAVANA STEAMSHIP COMPANY FOR HAVANA AND NEW-ORLEANS VIA KEY WEST.—The steamship CUBA will sail for the above ports on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Passengers leaving New-York on the evening of the day previous to sailing will connect with the steamer.
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FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.
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One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
Fare, $1—RISING STAR, Capt. CONNER, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. FARNSWORTH.
Steamer March 21, 1868, connects closely with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco, April 14, for Japan and China.
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The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company dispatch a steamer on the 24th of each month from Panama to Wellington, N. Z., and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 11th of each month. First and second class passengers will be conveyed under through tickets at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, or to Sydney or Melbourne, $340 to $364 for first class, and $218 to $243 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.
Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.
Arrangements are now completed for issuing through bills of lading. Freight payable here.
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EVERY THURSDAY.
The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's sidewheel steamships
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EVERY SATURDAY, from Pier No. 13 North River, Punctually at 3 P. M.
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SAN JACINTO, Capt. ATKINS, SATURDAY, Feb. 29.
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FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
BLACK STAR LINE—EVERY SATURDAY.
The first-class steamships
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HUNTSVILLE, CROWELL, leaves...SATURDAY, Feb. 29
At 3 P. M., from Pier No. 3 North River.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 88 West-st.
Through passage tickets given over the Central R. R. of Georgia and Atlantic and Gulf R. R., Florida.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—MURRAY'S LINE.
Every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 16 East River, foot of Wall-st. The favorite steamships CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, TUESDAY, Feb. 25.
LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, March 3.
For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
Nos. 61 and 63 South-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., AND FLORIDA PORTS.—THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
E. B. SOUDER, Capt. LEBBY, FRIDAY, Feb. 21,
MONEKA, Capt. SHACKFORD, FRIDAY, Feb. 28,
from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad, and by steamers to Florida ports.
Freight taken as low as by any other line.
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No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR FLORIDA PORTS, DIRECT.—THE first-class steamship FLAG, Capt. BAXTER, will positively sail for Fernandina on WEDNESDAY, March 4, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29 North River. Freight and passage office, No. 174 Chambers-st.

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT—CHANGE OF TIME.
9 A. M., mail train, for Greenport and all way-stations, connecting at Mineola with trains for Glen Cove and Hempstead.
11 A. M., Syosset passenger trains and all way-stations.
3 P. M. Express train for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Syosset and Glen Cove passenger train and all way-stations.
5 P. M., Farmingdale and Hempstead, passenger train, and for North Islip SATURDAYS only.
Sunday excursion train leaves Hunter's Point 9:15 A. M., arriving at Hunter's Point at 4:40 P. M. To take effect Nov. 4, 1867.
I. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT (Foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry):
2 A. M.—Express Mail for Goshen, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville and intermediate stations.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M.—Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, to Port Jervis, Newburgh and Warwick.
5 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points South and West.
6 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South. By this train sleeping-coaches will run through to Cincinnati without change.
8 P. M. Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.
Also, Way Trains for Boiling Spring, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M. and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

Sunday Trains—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 12 M., and 3:30 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
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Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 25, 1867, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
2 A. M. Express train, via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
10 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, and at Troy with trains for the North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad at Hudson, Stockport, Stottsville, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; and at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping-cars attached at Albany.
5:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every day connecting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:40.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12 M.
J. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont, at 8:30 and 9:25 A. M., 1:22, 4:22, 5:23 and 6:32 P. M. The 8:30, 1:22 and 4:22 run to Monsey.
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THE TURF.

The Racing Season of 1868—The Jerome Park, Paterson and Saratoga Summer Meetings—Entries for the Stakes at Fordham and Weights for the Handicaps—Sale of Kentucky, and his Reappearance on the Turf.

The closing of the twelve rich stakes opened by the American Jockey Club, and of which nine are to be run at their Spring meeting at Jerome Park, admonishes us that the racing season of 1868 is close at hand, and that soon another turf campaign among the high-mettled thoroughbreds will be inaugurated. The note of preparation has already sounded, and trainers and jockeys are rousing themselves from the state of torpidity and inaction in which they have been hybernating during the months that stern Winter bound the earth in his icy embrace, and are preparing for the busy racing campaign before them. Never before were the prospects of the American turf so bright and promising, and the racing season of 1868 bids fair to surpass in brilliancy and pleasurable excitement all of its predecessors. At Jerome Park, Paterson and Saratoga the stakes which have closed exhibit a marked increase in the number of horses entered; while new meetings are likely to be held at Narragansett Park and Long Branch during the Summer months. The failure of the Hoboken meetings, both Spring and Fall, renders it doubtful whether the managers will hold any meeting at Secaucus this year; at all events a different and more liberal system of management will have to be adopted to render it successful. The abortive and wretchedly conducted effort of the Trenton Jockey Club last Fall, to re-establish racing in that portion of New-Jersey, proved a disgraceful failure, and only served to show that to render turf management successful, it must be vested in the hands of honorable men. Only then can we hope to see racing flourish, and a taste and love for it spread among the people.

The programme of the American Jockey Club for their Spring meeting is a rich and well arranged one. Commencing on Tuesday, June 9, it continues over the ensuing Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. On the first, second and fourth days we have four races each day, and three on the third day; the different events being as follows: On the first day, (Tuesday) the race for the Fordham Stakes inaugurates the meeting. This is a handicap sweepstakes of $50 each, play or pay, for horses of all ages, and $10 only if declared not to start, with $500 added by the Jockey Club; the second to receive twenty-five per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his entrance. The distance to be run is a mile and a quarter, and the following thirty-two horses are entered, with the weights imposed upon them by the handicapper, Dr. J. B. IRVING, the Secretary of the Club:

1. J. S. Watson's b. h. Delaware, 6 years, 114 pounds. 2. J. S. Watson's b. h. Captain Moore, aged, 114 pounds. 3. E. V. Sneckiker's b. g. Jack Armstrong, 6 years, 114 pounds. 4. G. Moore's ist. g. Stonewall Jackson, 5 years, 110 pounds. 5. T. G. Moore's b. h. Gen. McMahon, 5 years, 110 pounds. 6. J. Eckerson's ch. c. Metairie, 4 years, 110 pounds. 7. J. H. Dowling's b. g. Exile, (imp.,) 6 years, 110 pounds. 8. The Anniewood Stables names ch. c. Dickens, 4 years, 110 pounds. 9. R. B. Forbes, jr.'s b. h. Climax, aged, 110 pounds. 10. E. V. Snedaker's ch. h. Passaic, 6 years, 108 pounds. 11. D. McDaniel's br. c. Clement, 4 years 105 pounds. 12. H. B. Todd's b. h. Harry Booth, 5 years, 105 pounds. 13. B. F. Hutchinson's b. m. Ruth, 5 years, 104 pounds. 14. R. B. Forbes', Jr.'s ch. m. by Brownie, 5 yrs. 104 pounds. 15. J. H. Dowling's ch. m. Enchantress, 5 years, 102 pounds. 16. W. Consable's gr. c. Raquette, 4 years, 100 pounds. 17. A. A. Hopper's ch. c. Egotist, 4 years, 100 pounds. 18. D. McDaniel's b. h. Ripley, 5 years, 100 pounds. 19. J. H. Dowling's bl. c. Gerald, 4 years, 100 pounds. 20. G. Coffee's ch. c. Dumple, 4 years, 100 pounds. 21. G. Eugene's ch. m. Electra, 4 years, 100 pounds. 22. L. W. Jerome's ch. f. Clara Clarita, 4 years, 95 pounds. 23. L. W. Jerome's ch. c. Gen. Yorke, 4 years, 95 pounds. 24. R. W. Cameron's b. c. Hampton Court, 4 years, 95 pounds. 25. R. W. Cameron's b. f. Stolen Kisses, 4 years, 95 pounds. 26. A. Belmont's b. f. Maid of Honor, 4 years, 95 pounds. 27. D. McDaniel's gr. c. Urbana, 4 years, 95 pounds. 28. D. McDaniel's b. f. Twinkle, 4 years, 95 pounds. 29. The Anniewood Stables names b. c. Magnet, 3 years, 87 pounds. 30. D. McDaniel's ch. f., by Brother to Frank Allen, 3 years, 87 pounds. 31. M. H. Sanford's bl. f. Lute, 3 years, 87 pounds. 32. M. H. Sanford's b. f. Henderson, 3 years, 87 pounds.

The acceptances to this stake are not declared until March 1, but we may remark, on glancing at the handicap, that the three top weights, *Delaware*, *Capt. Moore* and *Jack Armstrong*, seem entirely out of the race. *Stonewall Jackson*, *Dickens* and *Metairie*, with 110 lbs. on each; *Sicely*, with 100 lbs., and *Hampton Court*, with 95 lbs., all appear to be "well in," and their respective chances at the weights look well on paper. Taken altogether we think the handicap will give satisfaction to the owners of the horses engaged, and that a large field will be brought out to face the starter.

The second race is for the "Belmont Stakes," for three-year olds; mile and seven furlongs; $200 entrance, half forfeit, with $1,500 added by the Jockey Club; the second horse receiving $300 out of the stakes. For this race, which closed last year, with twenty-eight nominations, Mr. M. H. SANFORD has eleven nominations, including *Hotspur*, *Northumberland* and *King John*, full brothers respectively to *Asteroid*, *Norfolk* and *King Lear*; Mr. L. W. JEROME three, all by his imported stallion *Lapidist*; Mr. MORRIS the same number, by his favorite imported sire, *Eclipse*; and MCCONNELL and HARNESS three, all by *Lexington*. Mr. BELMONT, Mr. J. M. CLAY, Mr. WATSON, Messrs. BOWIE and HALL, Major BACON and Capt. MOORE have each one nomination, and Col. MCDANIEL two in this stake. The public performers in it are *Relentless*, (the full sister to *Ruthless*;) *Fanny Ludlow*, (the *Mollie Jackson* filly by *Eclipse*;) *The Banshee*, *Puck*, *Northumberland* and *La Polka*, *Gen. Duke*, *St. Paul* and the *Seabreeze*, and *Adelgisa* fillies. In the dark division, of whom report speaks very highly, are *Hotspur* and *King John*, and their never having been brought out in public as two-year olds, ought not to lead to a slight estimate of their chances for this race, in which they will make their *debut* on the turf.

The third race is the Hopeful Stakes, for two-year olds, five furlongs; $50 entrance, with $500 added. The following twenty-two youngsters are entered for this event:

1. John F. Purdy's ch. f. Tasmania, by imp. Australian, out of Mattie Gros, by Lexington. 2. D. McDaniel's gr. f. Etta Shippen, by Breckinridge, dam imp. Lady Sykes. 3. D. McDaniel's b. f., by Oakland, dam Leisure, by Red Eye. 4. A. Belmont's ch. c., by Mickey Free, out of Spiletta, by Stockwell. 5. J. H. Dowling's ch. c., by Breckinridge, dam Ellen Bateman. 6. J. H. Dowling's b. f., by Breckinridge, dam Sophia, by Bonnie Scotland. 7. The Anniewood stable names b. c. Canny Bairn, by Balrownie, dam Fanny Fern, by Glencoe. 8. The Anniewood stable names ch. c. Vespucius, by Planet, dam Columbia, by Glencoe. 9. Bowie & Hall's ch. f. Quickstep, by Australian, dam Grisette, by Glencoe. 10. M. H. Sanford's ch. c. Salute, by Lexington, dam Sallie Polk. 11. M. H. Sanford's ch. f. The Nun, by Lexington, dam Novice. 12. R. W. Cameron's br. f. Inveruglas, by Old Calabar, out of Juniper. 13. R. W. Cameron's br. f. Invercauld, by St. Albans, out of Eleanor. 14. R. W. Cameron & Leonard W. Jerome's br. c. Glengary, by Thormanby, dam Carbine, by Eifleman. 15. Leonard W. Jerome's b. f. Rapture, by imp. Lapidist, dam Parachute, by Yorkshire. 16. J. S. Watson's b. f. Bonnie Lass, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta, by Revenue. 17. Chas. W. Bathgate's ch. c. Alpha, by Lapidist, dam Pauline, by Star Davis. 18. F. Morris' b. c., by Eclipse, out of Arlington mare. 19. F. Morris' ch. c., by Eclipse, out of Fidelity, by Glencoe. 20. F. Morris' b. f., by Eclipse, out of Sissher mare, out of Barbarity. 21. F. Morris' ch. f., by Eclipse, out of Rebel mare. 22. Chas. T. Lloyd's b. c. Straws, by imp. Eclipse, dam by Cadmus. 23. W. Cottrill's ch. c., by Daniel Boone, dam Maggie G., by Brown Dick. 24. W. Cottrill's ch. f., by Daniel Boone, dam Lillie Ward, by Lexington.

The fourth is a purse of $800, for a mile-heat race, the entries of which close the day previous. On the second day, the sport opens with a dash race of a mile and five furlongs for a purse of $700, and then comes the great race for the Westchester Cup, value $2,000, with an entrance fee of $50 each, play or pay. The distance is two miles and a quarter, and twenty-three horses are entered for it—the best and fleetest now running on the American turf. Among them is the world-renowned *Kentucky*, who emerges from his previously-announced retirement from the turf, and again enters the racing arena. His reappearance on the course will be a matter of surprise and dissatisfaction to owners and trainers who have never contemplated such an event, and will doubtless deprive the races in which he is entered of much of the interest that would otherwise have been attached to them, by frightening away nearly all his antagonists from starting; but the public will hail the appearance of their equine favorite with enthusiasm and delight. Mr. JEROME, we understand, has disposed of *Kentucky* to Messrs. CONSTABLE, SKIDDY and BATHGATE for $40,000, retaining himself a one-fourth interest in him, and his reappearance on the turf is the consequence of this change of ownership. He will continue in the stable of his former trainer, the experienced GEORGE WALDRON, to be prepared for his engagements during the coming racing season. The following are the entries for the Westchester Cup, twenty-three in number:

1. Mr. Carter's b. f. Stepping Stone, 4 years. 2. D. McDaniel's b. c. Morrissey, 4 years. 3. D. McDaniel's b. h. Red Dick, 5 years. 4. D. McDaniel's b. h. Blackbird, aged. 5. The Anniewood Stable names ch. h. Extra, 5 years. 6. The Anniewood Stable names ch. c. Dickens, 4 years. 7. M. H. Sanford's bl. c. Virgil, 4 years. 8. M. H. Sanford's r. c. Hotspur, 3 years. 9. J. H. Weldon's ch. h. Local, 5 years. 10. P. S. Forbes' ch. c. De Courcey, 4 years. 11. J. Eckerson's ch. c. Metairie, 4 years. 12. J. S. Watson's b. h. Delaware, 6 years. 13. J. S. Watson's ch. h. Onward, 6 years. 14. Chas. W. Bathgate's b. h. Kentucky, aged. 15. D. Swigert's b. h. Lancaster, 5 years. 16. J. W. Pennock's ch. c. Jas. A. Connolly, 4 years. 17. Chas. F. Lloyd's bl. f. Nemesis, 3 years. 18. John H. Davis' ch. c. Plantagenet, 4 years. 19. H. B. Bohannan's b. h., 5 years, Lexington, dam by Sarpedon. 20. H. B. Bohannan's ch. c. 4 years, by Australian, dam by Sarpedon. 21. T. G. Moore's b. h. Beacon, aged. 22. T. G. Moore's b. h. Privateer, 5 years. 23. T. G. Moore's b. f. Fanny Cheatham, 4 years.

It will be seen that the list of entries comprises such fleet racers as *Extra*, *Dickens*, *Virgil*, *De Courcy*, *Metairie*, *Onward*, *Lancaster*, *Fanny Cheatham*, yet in presence of the mighty *Kentucky*, the race seems to resolve itself into a question of health for the great son of *Lexington* and *Magnolia* whose victory seems certain if he comes fit and well to the post on the day. A selling race and a dash for three-year olds wind up the second day's running.

On the third day, the Ladies Stakes' race commences the proceedings. This is a sweepstakes for three-year old fillies exclusively; $100 entrance, play or pay, with $1,000 added by the Club, and the second receiving $300 out of the stakes. The distance is a mile and five furlongs, and twenty fillies are entered for the rich prize.

1. D. McDaniel's s. f. Sarah B., by Planet, dam Adelgiza by imp. Glencoe. 2. D. McDaniel's ch. f., by Jeff. Davis, dam Fanny Washington by Revenue. 3. James A. Grimstead's b. f., by Revenue, by imp. Sovereign out of Charmer, by imp. Glencoe. 4. Mc. Connell & Harness' b. f. The Banshee, by Lexington, dam Balloon by imp. Yorkshire. 5. J. H. Dowling's b. f., by Breckinridge, dam Sophia, by imp. Bonnie Scotland (sister to Morrissey.) 6. Bowie & Hall's ch. f. Australia, by imp. Australian, dam Undine by imp. Yorkshire. 7. F. Morris' ch. f. Relentless, by imp. Eclipse out of imp. Barbarity. 8. F. Morris' b. f. Fanny Ludlow, by imp. Eclipse out of Molly Jackson. 9. F. Morris' ch. f., by Eclipse out of Hennie Ferrow. 10. M. H. Sanford's br. f. La Polka, by Lexington, dam Dance. 11. J. S. Watson's b. f. Bonnie Brae, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue. 11. J. S. Watson's ch. f. Bonnie Brae, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue. 11. J. S. Watson's b. f. Bonnie Brae, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue. 11. J. S. Watson's ch. f. Bonnie Brae, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue. 12. Thomas G. Bacon's br. f. Lost Cause, by Revenue, dam Sea Breeze by imp. Albion. 14. Thomas G. Bacon's br. f. Fleurilla, by Dick Cheatham, dam by imp. Glencoe. 15. Thomas G. Bacon's ch. f. by Bill Cheatham, dam by Wagner. 16. A. Keene Richard's b. f. by Lexington, dam Glycera by imp. Sovereign. 17. A. Keene Richard's b. f., by imp. Australian, dam Betsie Ward by Lexington. 18. Thomas G. Saunders' ch. f., dam by imp. Yorkshire. 19. R. A. Alexander's b. f. Bonita, by Lexington, dam Banner by imp. Albion. 20. R. A. Alexander's ch. f. Spinola, by imp. Australian, dam imp. Spiletta by Stockwell.

Of the above lot the following have run and won in public: *Sarah B. Relentless, Fanny Ludlow, La Polka* and *Bonnie Brae*. Both of Mr. ALEXANDER's entries are disqualified by his death. A selling race and a two mile heat race, both of which close the day previous, conclude the third day's sport.

On the fourth day the Jocky Club Handicap race opens the ball. It is for all ages, $100 entrance, half forfeit, with $1,000 added by the Club; distance two miles. The entries and weights are as follows:

1. J. S. Watson's ch. h. Onward, 6 years, 118 pounds. 2. The Anniewood Stable names ch. h. Extra, 5 years, 114 pounds. 3. J. S. Watson's b. h. Delaware, 6 years, 112 pounds. 4. J. S. Watson's b. h. Capt. Moore, aged, 112 pounds. 5. T. G. Moore's b. h. Beacon, aged, 112 pounds. 6. J. H. Dowling's b. g. Exile, (imp.,) 6 years, 110 pounds. 7. The Anniewood Stables name ch. c. Dickens, 4 years, 108 pounds. 8. R. B. Forbes Jr.'s b. h. Climax, aged, 108 pounds. 9. J. W. Pennock's ch. c. Jas. A. Connolly, 4 years, 108 pounds. 10. T. G. Moore's b. h. Privateer, 5 years, 108 pounds. 11. J. Eckerson's br. h. Zigzag, aged, 104 pounds. 12. B. F. Hutchinson's b. m. Ruth, 5 years, 104 pounds. 13. J. M. Brown's ch. h. Tycoon, aged, 104 pounds. 14. D. McDaniel's b. c. Morrissey, 4 years, 102 pounds. 15. D. McDaniel's br. c. Clement, 4 years, 102 pounds. 16. J. H. Dowling's ch. m. Enchantress, 4 years, 100 pounds. 17. R. B. Forbes Jr.'s ch. m. by Balrownie, 5 years, 104 pounds. 18. J. Eckerson's b. f. Sicety, 4 years, 100 pounds. 19. D. McDaniel's b. h. Ripley, 5 years, 100 pounds. 20. J. H. Dowling's bl. c. Gerald, 4 years, 98 pounds. 21. W. Consable's gr. c. Raquette, 4 years, 96 pounds. 22. A. A. Hoppar's ch. c. Egotist, 4 years, 96 pounds. 23. Leonard W. Jerome's ch. c. Gen. Yorke, 4 years, 95 pounds. 24. R. W. Cameron's b. c. Hampton Court, 4 years, 92 pounds. 25. A. Belmont's b. f. Maid of Honor, 4 years, 91 pounds. 26. Leonard W. Jerome's ch. f. Clara Clarita, 4 years, 91 pounds. 27. M. H. Sanford's b. f. La Polka, by Lexington, dam Dance, 4 years, 85 pounds. 28. M. H. Sanford's b. f. La Henderson, 3 years, 85 pounds. 29. Mr. Carter's b. f. Stepping-Stone, 3 years, 83 pounds.

The handicap appears to be a fair and impartial one. *Onward*, *Eaton*, *Dickens* and *Connolly* have to carry full weight for age, while all the rest have allowances in proportion to the handicappers' estimate of their merits and performances. We look upon *Beacon*, *Dickens*, *Privateer*, *Clement*, *Morrissey* and *Hampton Court* as being the best in at the above weights, and expect to see them all in the list of acceptances which is to be made on or before the 1st proximo.

The second event of this day is a three-year-old sweepstakes, two miles, $50 entrance, play or pay, with $1,000 added by the Jockey Club; the winner of the Derby or Belmont stakes to carry 7 pounds extra. For this rich stake, which is worth $2,100 net, the following 23 horses are entered:

1. McConnell & Harness' b. c. Bayonet. 2. McConnell & Harness' ch. c. Gen. Duke. 3. D. McDaniel's ch. f. Virginia Washington. 4. D. McDaniel's ch. f., by Brother to Frank Allen. 5. D. McDaniel's b. f. Sarah B. 6. J. H. Dowling's b. f. Wild Agnes. 7. The Anniewood Stable names b. c. Magnet. 8. Bowie & Hall's ch. f. Australia. 9. M. H. Sandford's r. c. Hotspur. 10. Leonard W. Jerome's ch. c. St. Paul. 11. P. A. Hargous' b. c., by Sedbury of imp. Countess, by Voltigeur. 12. J. Eckerson's ch. c., by Uncle Vic, dam Dolly Carter by Glencoe. 13. J. S. Watson's Bonnie Brae. 14. F. Morris' ch. Boaster. 15. F. Morris' ch. f., by Eclipse out of Hennie Farrow. 16. F. Morris' ch. f. Relentless. 17. F. Morris' b. f. Fanny Ludlow. 18. D. Swigert's ch. f. Spinola. 19. J. W. Pennock's b. f. by Colossus, dam Maid, by Monmouth. 20. Chas. F. Lloyd's bl. f. Nemesis. 21. John H. Davis' ch. c., by Uncle Vic, dam imp. Sunny South. 22. T. G. Moore's gr. c., by Lexington, dam Grisette by Glencoe. 23. W. Cottrill's c. f. Puss Brodnax.

Of this lot, *Gen. Duke*, *Sarah B.*, *Fanny Ludlow*, *Spinola*, *Bonnie Brae*, *Bonster*, and *Relentless* have run and won in their two-year old form, while the dark division, who have never yet been stripped in public, comprise *Bayonet*, *Virginia*, *Washington*, *Brother to Frank Allen*, *Magnet*, *Sedbury* colt, *Uncle Vic* colt, *Hennie Farrow* filly, *Nemesis* and the *Colossus* filly. This is certain to produce a most exciting and interesting race. We may remark *en passant* that *Spinola* is disqualified by Mr. ALEXANDER's death.

A sweepstakes for two-year olds, half a mile, $50 entrance and $500 added by the Club, is the next race. The winner of the two year old stake on the first day will have to carry a penalty of 7 pounds in this race. There are twenty-four entries, which we here append.

1. John F. Purdy's b. f., by Lexington, out of Edith by Glencoe. 2. D. McDaniel's gr. f. Etta Shippen, by Breckenridge, dam imp. Lady Sykes. 3. D. McDaniel's b. f., by Oakland, dam Leisure by Red Eye. 4. A. Belmont's ch. c., by Micky Free, out of Spiletta by Stockwell. 5. J. H. Dowling's ch. c., by Breckenridge, dam Ellen Bateman. 6. J. H. Dowling's b. f. Natalie, by Breckenridge, dam Sophia by Bonnie Scotland. 7. The Anniewood Stable names b. c. Canny Bairn, by Balrownie, dam Fanny Fern by Glencoe. 8. The Anniewood Stable names ch. c. Vespucius, by Planet, dam Columbia by Glencoe. 9. Bowie & Hall's ch. f. Quickstep, by Australian, dam Grisette by Glencoe. 10. M. H. Sanford's ch. c. Salute, by Lexington, dam Sally Polk. 11. M. H. Sanford's ch. f. The Nun, by Lexington, dam Novice. 12. R. W. Cameron's br. f. Inverniglas, by Old Calabar out of Juniper. 13. R. W. Cameron's br. c. Glennevis, by Oulston, dam by Voltigeur. 14. R. W. Cameron and Leonard W. Jerome's imp. b. c. Glengary, by Thormanby, dam Carbine by Eifleman. 15. Leonard W. Jerome's b. f. Rapture, by Lapidist, dam Parachute by Yorkshire. 16. P. C. Bush's b. c. Coon Vanhosen, by Lapidist, dam Cyclone by Vandal. 17. J. S. Watson's b. f. Bonnie Lass, by Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue. 18. F. Morris' b. c., by Eclipse out of Arlington mare. 19. F. Morris' ch. c., by Eclipse, out of Fidelity by Glencoe. 20. F. Morris' b. f., by Eclipse out of a Slasher mare, out of Barbarity. 21. F. Morris' ch. f., by Eclipse out of a Rebel mare. 22. Chas. F. Lloyd's b. c. Straws, by imp. Eclipse, dam by Cadmus. 23. W. Cottrill's ch. c. by Daniel Boone, dam Maggie G. by Brown Dick. 24. Cottrill's ch. f. by Daniel Boone, dam Lilly Ward by Lexington.

In this race the blood of the native-bred *Lexington* and his son *Breckenridge*, *Oakland*, *Planet* and *Daniel Boone* will be brought into rivalry and contest with the imported blood of *Eclipse*, *Balrownie*, *Thormanby*, *Oulston*, *Old Calabar*, *Lapidist*, *Australian* and *Mickey Free*, and the struggle between them will consequently be invested with unusual interest.

The fourth race is for the "Feather Stakes," $50 entrance, play or pay, with $1,000 added by the Club. The distance is four miles, and the weighs carried is 100 pounds each. From the subjoined entries, fourteen in number, it will be seen that *Kentucky* is entered for this stake as well as for the Westchester Cup:

1. D. McDaniel's bl. h. Blackbird, aged. 2. D. McDaniel's b.h. Red Dick, 5 years. 3. D. McDaniel's Junius, 6 years. 4. The Anniewood Stables name ch. h. Extra, 5 years. 5. J. M. Brown's ch. h. Tycoon, aged. 6. J. W. Weldon's ch. g. Aldebaran, aged. 7. J. W. Weldon's ch. hr Local, 5 years. 8. P. S. Forbes' ch. h. Fleetwing, aged. 9. J. S. Watson's b. h. Delaware, 6 years. 10. J. S. Watson's ch. h. Onward, 6 years. 11. Chas. W. Bathgate's b. h. Kentucky, aged. 12. H. B. Bohannon's b. h., 5 years. 13. T. G. Moore's b. h. Beacon, aged. 14. T. G. Moore's b, h. Privateer, 5 years.

In addition to the above programme, the following additional sweepstakes were opened by the Club, and will be run for during the Spring Meeting. The first is a sweepstakes of $200 each, half forfeit for fillies foaled in 1866, over the five furlong course. The entries for this are three in number, viz.:

1. R. W. Cameron's br. f. Invercauld, by St. Albans, out of Eleanor. 2. Leonard W. Jerome's b. f. Rapture, by Lapidist, dam Parachute. 3. F. Morris' b. f., by Eclipse, out of a Slasher mare, dam Barbarity.

This will be an unusually interesting race, as Mr. CAMERON's entry is an imported English bred filly, of the highest blood, being by the St. Leger winner, *St. Albans*, while Mr. MORRIS' filly is full sister to the flying *Ruthless*.

The second additional sweepstakes is for colts and fillies foaled in 1866, five furlongs, $200 each, half forfeit, and for which the following five two-year olds are entered. It will be observed that the Club contribute nothing to the above sweepstakes:

1. The Anniewood Stable, names b. c. Canny Bairn, by Balrownie, dam Fanny Fern, by Glencoe. 2. The Anniewood Stable, names ch. c. Vespucius, by Planet, dam Columbia, by Glencoe. 3. Leonard W. Jerome's b. f. Rapture, by imp. Lapidist, dam Parachute. 4. R. W. Cameron and Leonard W. Jerome's br. c. Glengary, by Thormanby, dam Carbine, by Eifleman. 5. F. Morris' ch. f. Relentless, by imp. Eclipse out of imp. Barbarity. 6. F. Morris' b. f. Fanny Ludlow, by imp. Eclipse out of Molly Jackson. 7. F. Morris' ch. f., by Eclipse out of Hennie Ferrow. 8. M. H. Sanford's br. f. La Polka, by Lexington, dam Dance. 9. J. S. Watson's b. f. Bonnie Brae, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue. 10. J. S. Watson's ch. f. Bonnie Brae, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue. 11. J. S. Watson's b. f. Bonnie Brae, by imp. Balrownie, dam Pasta by Revenue.

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The Steam Tow-boat Boiler Explosion—Coroner's Investigation.

The inquest on the body of ALONZO DIVER, who was killed by the explosion of the boiler on board the tow-boat *James A. Wright*, in the Bay, on Tuesday afternoon last, was commenced before Coroner WARREN, of Jersey City, last evening.

Thomas Herring, being sworn, testified that he resides in West Troy, and was steward on the *James A. Wright* at the time the explosion took place; he was standing on the stern of the boat at the time; the concussion knocked him down, and upon recovering and looking around, he saw the engineer lying on the starboard deck and he was held down by something across one of his legs; witness assisted him up and one of the Staten Island ferry boats took him away; the towboat *Howard* towed the boat to Jersey City; there were six persons on board the boat and all hands were severely injured except witness; those that are alive are still in hospital; the *James A. Wright* was run into by a ferry boat three weeks ago last Tuesday and badly injured; no repairs were done to the boiler; the explosion drove the boiler stern ten or eleven feet; *James McGolrick* testified that he resides in South Bergen, and is a boiler-maker and carries on business at the foot of Morris-street, Jersey City, and has been in that business since 1849; had examined the boiler of the *James A. Wright* since the explosion, and found the back had blown out; in his opinion the cause of the explosion was the defectiveness of the braces; found that there were fourteen braces, and of these ten had been broken quite a length of time, and two of the others had been partially fractured; could not find any defect in the boiler iron; from appearances there was a sufficient quantity of water in the boiler; witness thought that if the Government Inspector examined the boiler and went inside and examined the braces it would not have been allowed to be used.

David Birdsall, of No. 89 York-street, Jersey City, who has worked at boiler making twenty-eight years, corroborated Golrick's evidence in relation to the condition of the braces; if the braces had not been defective, that part of the boiler would not have given way.

Timothy Seaman testified that he was formerly a pilot on the *James A. Wright*, and that she never had a Government safety valve on her.

In order to obtain the evidence of the engineer, who is in hospital at Staten Island at present, the further investigation was postponed for a week.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

BANQUET OF THE UNDERWRITERS.—The National Board of Fire Underwriters, whose second annual Convention has just closed its sessions in this City, were the guests of the New-York Board of Underwriters, at a banquet given at Delmonico's last evening. Nearly two hundred gentlemen were present, representing the leading Fire Insurance Companies throughout the country. JAMES M. MCLEAN, President of the Citizens' Insurance Company of this City, presided, and among the prominent insurance men present were L. J. HENDEE, of the Ætna Insurance Company, Hartford; ALBERT BOWKER, President of the North American Insurance Company of Boston; JOHN B. LEIDENSTRICKER, President of the National Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore; Mr. DORR, of Chicago; ALFRED PELL, Jr., representing the London Insurance Company; Mr. CROWELL, of the New-York Phœnix Company, and many others. Gen. SHALER and Mr. MYER, Fire Commissioners, and several other gentlemen were present as invited guests. After disposing of DELMONICO's sumptuous bill of fare, Mr. MCLEAN called upon the guests present, one after another, to respond to sentiments complimentary to the cities from which they came, and without any set toasts, brief speeches were elicited from Messrs. HENDEE, BOWKER, DORR, PELL, EGGLESON, MCDONALD, SHALER and others, and at a late hour the company retired, well pleased with the social reunion, and loud in praise of the hospitality of the entertainers.

REMOVAL OF THE NEWSBOYS' LODGING-HOUSE.—We regret to hear that the Newsboys' Lodging-house in the *Sun* Buildings, which has sheltered its little homeless lodgers for fourteen years, is to be broken up. The proprietors of the *Commercial Advertiser* have bought the building, and given notice to the newsboys to vacate the premises on the 1st of May next. Great difficulty will be experienced in obtaining any new quarters and some 200 boys may be turned adrift on the streets. It would be a public calamity if this beneficent charity to so many thousand street-boys should be even temporarily interrupted. The loss of the moral influence of this Lodging-House on homeless boys to property itself, in increased thievings and depredations, would equal the value of a building in a few years. Why will not some New-York Peabody arise, who will purchase and endow for all future generations a lodging-house for the street-boys of New-York? We understand that thus far only $9,000 have been subscribed for the proposed building for these lads.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—Very few of our citizens are aware of the daily work going on in our public schools, and the earnest efforts to render them what they are now conceded on all hands to be, the best schools in the world. The Chief Superintendent, Mr. RANDALL, the Commissioners, and Inspectors of each of the seven districts, and the Trustees of each of the twenty-two wards, visit and inspect every school; and five Assistant Superintendents, Messrs. KIDDLE, HARRISON, JONES, CALKINS, and SETON, are constantly engaged in the examination of the several classes. We are assured that these schools were never in a finer condition; and as some evidence of this, are enabled to say that Mr. JOHN STRAITON, Chairman of the Twelfth Ward Board of Trustees, with ten schools under his jurisdiction, has given notice of his intention to award silver medals to the pupils of any of these schools who, on examination, may obtain 98 per cent. in any class whose average equals 90.

A DELUDED DETECTIVE.—About three weeks ago a Walker-street firm received a dispatch from San Francisco, Cal., desiring them to send a detective to Panama for the purpose of arresting HENRY BERGSTEIN *alias* Berghart, as he had stolen $5,000 worth of United States 7.30 Bonds from Mr. N. BRANDESTEIN, of San Francisco. The police authorities were communicated with when Detective BENNETT, of the Central Office, was dispatched to the Isthmus in order to intercept the steamer on which the fugitive was alleged to be a passenger. He reached Panama in ample time, but was informed that BERGSTEIN had left the steamer at Acapulco. He, however, found a young man answering the description of the fugitive who gave the name of BERGHART, and he followed the man to New-York, where he was arrested on suspicion. After an examination at Police Headquarters the prisoner was released as he proved that he was not the man wanted.

ALLEGED BRUTALITY OF A POLICEMAN.—Mrs. MARY HART, of No. 76 James-street, appeared before Inspector DILKS, at the Central Office, yesterday, and made complaint against Officer JOHN H. GARRETSON, of the Fourth Ward. According to her statement she stood on Saturday night at the corner of Chatham and Rosevelt streets, waiting for her husband, who is a cripple, and the officer ordered her to "move on." She told him that she was waiting for her husband, as she had just come from Washington Market. GARRETSON repeated his order, and the husband, who arrived at the moment, demanding the officer's number, was knocked down by the officer and the woman beaten, after which he marched both off to the Station-house and had them locked up. Mrs. HART is now suffering from erysipelas in consequence. The officer is ordered to appear for trial.

SACRED CONCERT.—The choir connected with the South Dutch Church, (Rev. Dr. ROGERS,) Fifth-avenue, corner of Twenty-first-street, will give a grand concert next Tuesday evening, for which occasion a number of ladies and gentlemen from other prominent choirs of this City and vicinity have volunteered their services. The entire "Third, or Imperial Mass," of HAYDN, together with other selections of the best character, will be performed. The whole will be under the direction of Mr. E. J. CONNOLLY, organist of the church. Mr. S. P. WARREN, organist, will also assist.

"THE TOWER OF LONDON."—Rev. E. P. ROGERS, D. D., delivered an interesting lecture last evening at the Lexington-avenue Presbyterian Church on the "Tower of London." A graphic description of this ancient edifice, with its moat, dungeons, chapels, jewel-room and armory, was given, illustrated by large drawings showing the principal points of interest. The many historical events which took place in the Tower were detailed by Dr. ROGERS at considerable length. Quite a large audience was present, and the lecture was listened to with attention.

VIOLATIONS OF THE BUILDING LAW.—The Superintendent of Buildings still continues his raid on the tenement house owners, and it appears that he is aided considerably by the tenants in many of the houses. Anonymous letters are flowing in daily, complaining of the manner in which poor tenants are treated by landlords, who, as they say, exact the rent, but by no means do anything to make the houses fit to live in.

AID FOR THE DESTITUTE.—Rev. F. C. EWER will deliver a lecture next Monday evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock, under the auspices of the All Saints' Relief Association, at All Saints' Church, corner of Henry and Scammel streets. His theme will be "The Yosemite Valley." The object of the lecture is to replenish the depleted treasury of the Association, and enable it to carry on the work of relieving the poor in the vicinity.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR AGED WOMEN.—The Society for the Support of Presbyterian Aged Women are preparing to erect a suitable Home, for which purpose a member of the First Presbyterian Church has contributed a valuable plot of ground, and the managers desire to proceed at once with the building. To this object contributions are solicited. Donations may be sent to the Pastors of the Presbyterian and Reformed Dutch Churches in this City.

THE CRIMINAL INSTITUTIONS OF NEW-YORK.—Mr. WM. SKIDDY WOOD lectured last evening at the hall corner of Forty-seventh-street and Broadway, on the "Criminal Institutions of New-York." After describing the various institutions, Mr. WOOD compared them with others in this and foreign countries, and showed, in his opinion, amendments might be introduced.

ARRIVAL OF THE PAPAL ZOUAVES.—This corps, 150 strong, arrived in this City from Montreal, *en route* for the Eternal City, last evening. No preparations had been made for their reception, and there was no demonstration at the New-Haven Railroad depot when they alighted there. Their stay in this City will be brief.

LECTURE THIS EVENING.—Chaplain E. P. ROE, formerly of KILPATRICK's Brigade, will lecture this evening on "The Romance of Cavalry Life," at the Spring-street Presbyterian Church, for the benefit of the Sabbath-school. All who have not heard this interesting lecture should avail themselves of this opportunity to do so.

INCIDENTS OF ARMY LIFE.—Miss CLARA BARTON, who during the war rendered valuable services in nursing the wounded and sick of the Union army, is announced to lecture on "Work and Incidents of Army Life" at Cooper Institute next Wednesday evening. The object is to aid our disabled veterans.

PERSONAL.—Mr. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, of Georgia, arrived at the New-York Hotel yesterday. Mr. STEPHENS' health is very bad, and he receives few or no callers. His visit to this City is solely for the transaction of private business.

COOPER UNION.—The pupils of the Cooper Union will celebrate the birthday of WASHINGTON by orations, music and other exercises, in the large hall of the Institute this evening at 8 o'clock.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

THE ALLEGED HOMICIDE IN WYCKOFF-STREET.—Coroner SMITH commenced an inquest yesterday upon the body of HENRY CONKLING, a carpenter, who was injured on the 6th of September last, while engaged at work upon a new building in Wyckoff-street, Brooklyn, from the effect of which, as alleged, he died. A number of witnesses were examined whose testimony was to the effect that on the above date a man named PETER CONNERS was engaged in overseeing the dumping of dirt upon some vacant lots in the rear of the building in Wyckoff-street, near Fourth-avenue, where CONKLING was working. In so doing he offended a number of boys and young men who were playing base ball. The latter finding their play ground destroyed, pelted CONNERS with stones and drove him into the building. From the statement of a child, named HENRY LEIDENBERG, aged 8 years, who was the only witness present, it appears that Mr. CONKLIN ordered CONNERS out, beingafearful of personal injury, as the boys were throwing stones into the windows. CONNERS refused to go, and some angry words passing between them he knocked CONKLIN down and then struck him with a big hammer (or adze.) Other witnesses testified to seeing CONNERS pelted with stones and running into the building, but none saw him assault CONKLIN. The prisoner was arrested in trying to make his escape and taken to the Fiftieth Precinct Station House. Sergeant HALL, who was on duty at the time, testified that both prisoner and deceased were brought in. The latter appeared delirious and seemed as if he